Scratch
Table Football

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Introduction

Let's make a world cup football game in Scratch!

✔ **Activity Checklist**   Follow these **INSTRUCTIONS** one by one

🚩 **Test your Project**   Click on the green flag to **TEST** your code

⏏ **Save your Project**   Make sure to **SAVE** your work now

Step 1: Get the pitch ready for a game

✅ Activity Checklist

- Start a new project in Scratch. ☐
- Click on the stage next to the sprite and switch to the `Backdrops` tab, then click the `Upload backdrop from file` button and choose the resources/pitch.jpg file. ☐
- Delete the original blank backdrop, and the cat sprite. ☐
- Our goals need nets! Create a sprite using the `Upload sprite from file` button and select resources/net.png. Move the net into the middle of the goal on the left. Rename it blue goal. ☐
- Right-click on the net sprite and click `duplicate`, then move this new sprite to the goal on the right and rename it red goal. ☐

⏏ Save your project

Step 2: Add a goalie

Okay – our pitch is looking good! Now let's add some players and get them moving about.

✅ Activity Checklist

- Click on `Upload sprite from file` and choose resources/goalie_blue.png. Rename the sprite blue goalie, and drag it near to the left goal. ☐
- Click on the `grow sprite` button, and click on the blue goalie sprite 10 times to scale up the sprite. ☐
- Click on the `Scripts` tab, and add: ☐

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```
when [flag] clicked
go to x: -190 y: 0
forever
    if < key [q ▼] pressed? > and < y position < 80 > then
        change y by 5

    if < key [a ▼] pressed? > and < y position > -80 > then
        change y by -5
```

Let's look at the code. We position the goalie, then we loop forever listening for key presses from the player. Q moves the goalie up, A moves it down. We check the `y position` of the goalie to stop it moving off the screen.

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Click the green flag.

Can you control the goalie by pressing Q and A?
What happens when it gets to the edges of the pitch?

⏏ Save your project

Step 3: Add some more players

We can't play a game of football with just one player! We need to add some more.

✅ Activity Checklist

- Create another sprite using the `Upload sprite from file` button and selecting resources/goalie_red.png. ☐
- Change the name of the sprite to red goalie. ☐
- Drag the sprite on the stage to the right-hand side just in front of the goal. ☐
- Like before, grow the sprite 10 times so it is as big as the other goalie. ☐
- Select the blue goalie sprite and drag the script to red goalie to duplicate it. ☐
- Select red goalie, and modify the script so it looks like this: ☐

You should only have to change three things: the `x position`, and which keys are pressed.
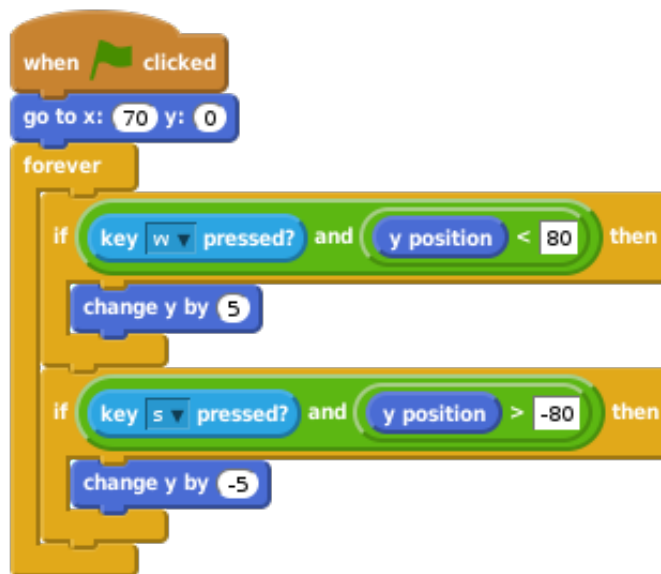
🏳 Test your project

Click the green flag.

> Can you control the red goalie by pressing P and L?
> Do the controls for the blue goalie still work?

🔺 Save your project

Step 4: Add some attacking players

✅ Activity Checklist

- Create another sprite using the `Upload sprite from file` button and selecting resources/attack_blue.png. Rename the sprite blue attack. ☐

- As before, grow the sprite 10 times, so the players are as big as the goalies. ☐

- Move the sprite into the right-hand side of the pitch, so they are attacking the red team's goal. ☐

- Drag the script from blue goalie to blue attack, and modify it to match this: ☐

```
when [flag] clicked
go to x: 70 y: 0
forever
  if < key [w v] pressed? > and < y position < 80 > then
    change y by 5
  if < key [s v] pressed? > and < y position > -80 > then
    change y by -5
```

You should only have to change three things: the `x position`, and which keys are pressed.

- Create one more sprite using the `Upload sprite from file` button and selecting resources/attack_red.png. Rename the sprite to red attack. ☐

- As before, grow the sprite 10 times, so all the players on the pitch are the same size. ☐

- Move the sprite into the left-hand side of the pitch, so they ☐

are attacking the blue team's goal.

- Drag the script from blue attack to red attack, and modify it
  to match this:

```
when [flag] clicked
go to x: -70 y: 0
forever
    if < key o pressed? > and < y position < 80 > then
        change y by 5

    if < key k pressed? > and < y position > -80 > then
        change y by -5
```

You should only have to change three things: the `x position`,
and which keys are pressed.

[flag] Test your project

Click the green flag.

Do you have two teams of working players now? Try pressing Q, A, W
and S to control the blue team, and P, L, O and K to control the red
team.

Save your project

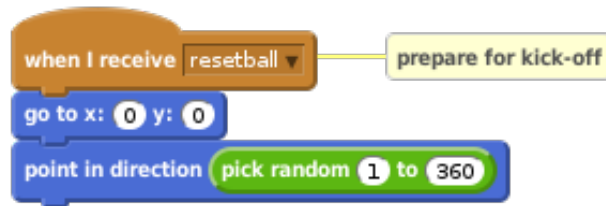---

Step 5: Add a bouncing ball

Our game of football has feet, but no ball! Let's fix that.

✅ Activity Checklist

- Click `Upload sprite from file`
- Select resources/ball.png, and rename the sprite ball.
- In the `Scripts` tab for the ball, add the following:
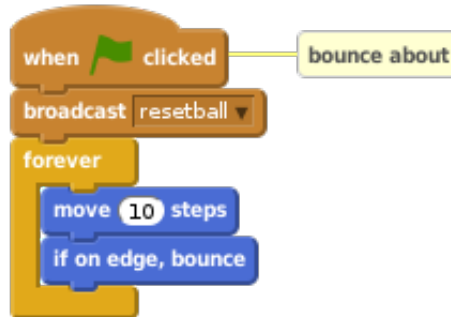
- Right-click on this script and click `add comment`. Add the comment "bounce about".
- Add another script to the ball:

  This tells the ball to move to the middle of the pitch for kick-off, and then point in a random direction. Why do we use `resetball` ?

- Don't forget to add the "prepare for kick-off" comment, so we remember what this script does!
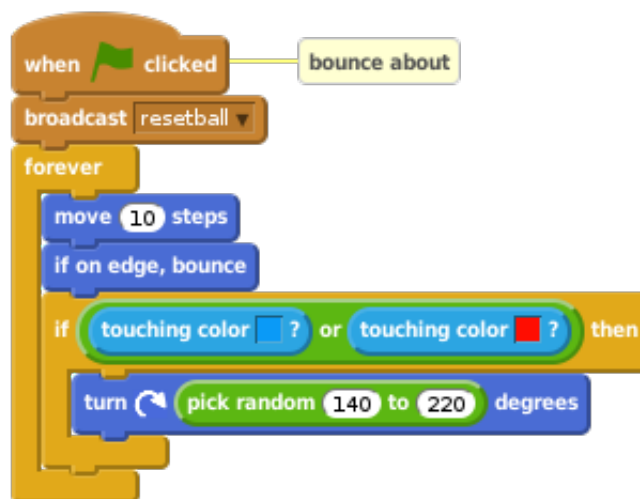
Step 6: Kicking the ball

We need the ball to bounce off the players on the pitch.

☐ Modify the last code block you created ("bounce about") to look like this:

You should select the colours by clicking on the football players. This change makes the ball sense it is touching a player, and then bounce off them by turning (with a bit of randomness).

Press the green flag.

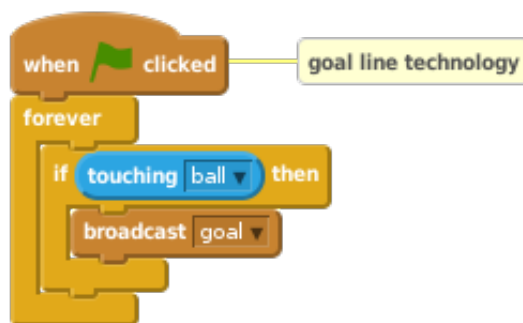What happens now when the ball hits your players? Is it working for both red and blue players?

Save your project

Step 7: GOOOOOOAAAAAALLLLLLLLL!!!!!!!!

✓ Activity Checklist

- Select red goal and add the following script: ☐

This is like goal line technology - it runs all the time, checking whether the ball is touching the goal, and broadcasting a message when it is.

- Drag the script to blue goal to copy it there as well. ☐
- Now we need to do something when goal is broadcast. Click `Upload sprite from file`. ☐
- Select resources/goal_text.png, and rename the sprite goal text. ☐
- Add this script to goal text: ☐
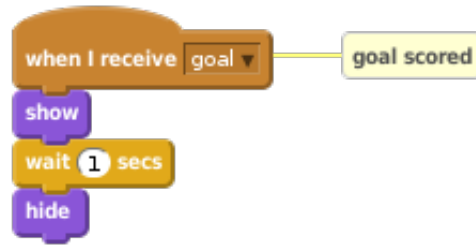
- Finally, add one more script to goal text:
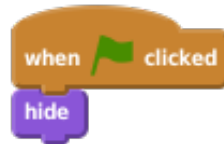
...to ensure the goal text begins the game hidden.

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🚩 Test your project

You're ready to play a game! Press the green flag.

What happens when the ball goes in?
Try challenging a partner to a game!

Challenge 1: Keep score

Can you add variables that will keep track of scores for the red and blue teams?

Challenge 2: Tip the table

You might notice sometimes the ball gets stuck bouncing where the players can't reach. Can you add a script to the ball to fix this by "tipping the table" when the spacebar is pressed?

Challenge 3: Referee's whistle

Can you add the sound effect resources/whistle.mp3 so that the whistle sounds whenever a kick-off takes place?