

Step by Step Scratch Tutorial – How to create a Space Shmup Game

Create a space shooting style survival videogame,
Bonus: add custom sprites and music.

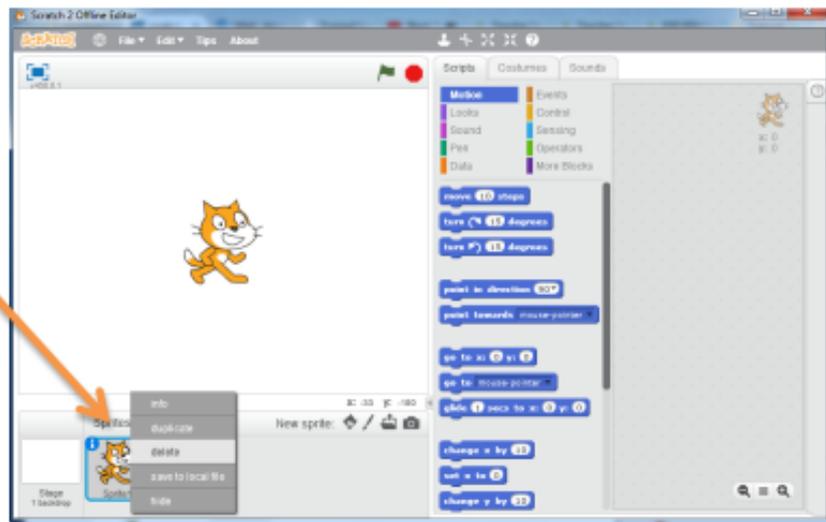
Programming difficulty: Medium



First: Create your Spaceship Sprite, or import from file.

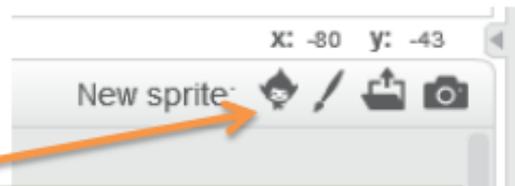
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Open Scratch and
Delete the cat
(right click, delete)



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Click the new button (or click import from file if you
made a custom spaceship)



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Choose a sprite to be
your player Spaceship.
Then click OK.



Next: Program your Spaceship so it can move

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Drag and drop this code from the scripts tab into your spaceship sprite workspace (the open grey area)

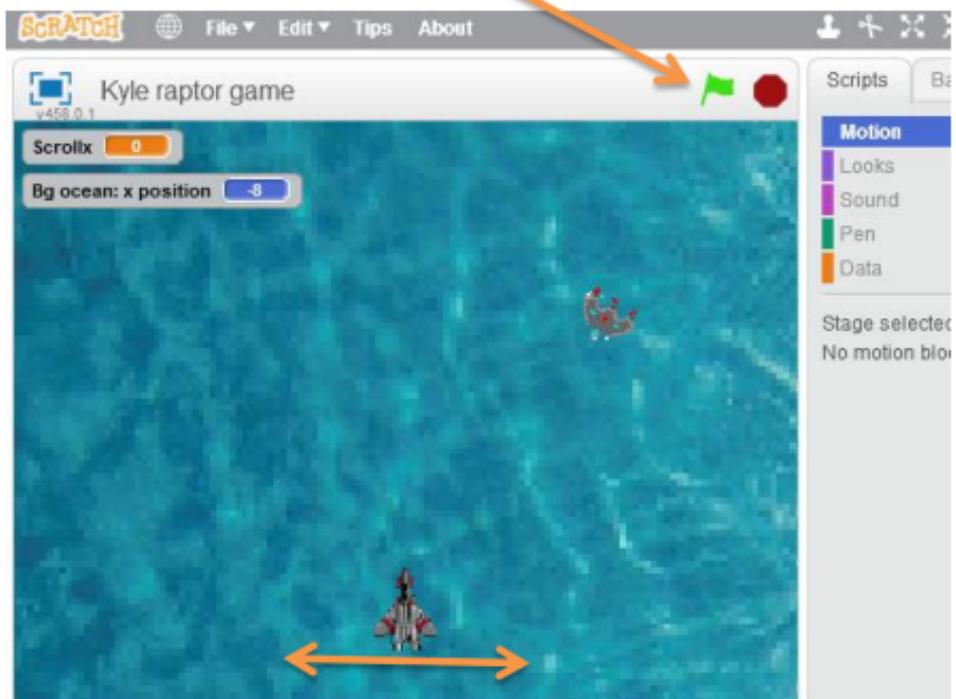


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when green flag clicked
show
go to x: 0 y: -120
forever
  if key right arrow pressed? then
    change x by 7
  if key left arrow pressed? then
    change x by -7
  if key up arrow pressed? then
    change y by 7
  if key down arrow pressed? then
    change y by -7
```

The code blocks are: when green flag clicked, show, go to x: 0 y: -120, a forever loop containing four if-then blocks: if key right arrow pressed? then change x by 7, if key left arrow pressed? then change x by -7, if key up arrow pressed? then change y by 7, and if key down arrow pressed? then change y by -7. A small spaceship icon is visible in the top right corner with coordinates x: -154 and y: -120.

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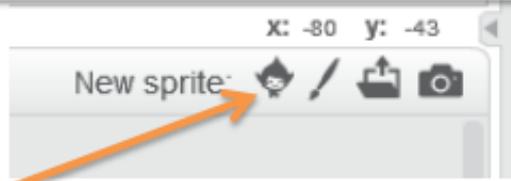
Click the green arrow to play-test your code, if the spaceship doesn't move left and right, double check your code.



Next: Create an enemy and make it move

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Click the new sprite button (or import a custom sprite)



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Choose a sprite to be an enemy spaceship then click OK



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Click on your enemy sprite so we can add code to it



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Add this code to your enemy sprite

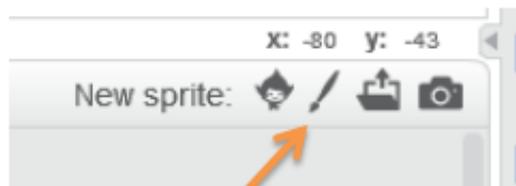
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when green flag clicked
  forever loop
    hide
    go to x: pick random -230 to 230 y: 170
    wait 0.5 seconds
    show
    glide 1 secs to 1-2
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when green flag clicked
  forever loop
    if touching Sprite1 ? then
      hide
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This will be the laser beam

Next: Create a laser beam sprite

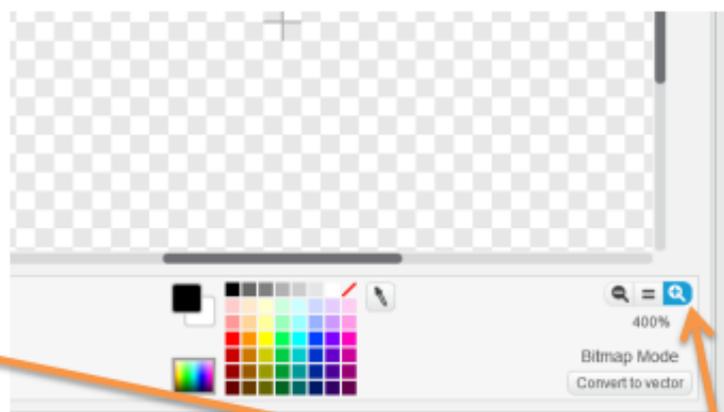
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Click the Draw new sprite button

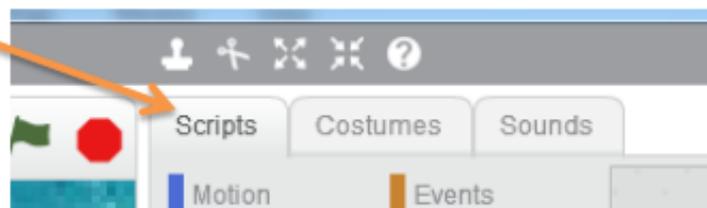
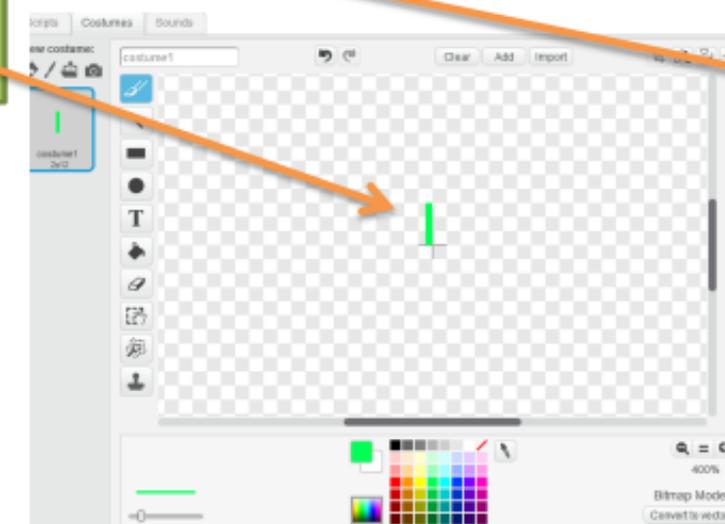
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Click magnifier + and zoom to 400%, then draw a laser beam. (a 2 by 12 brightly colored pixel line works well)



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Click on the scripts tab for the laser beam



Next: Make the laser shoot

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Add this code to your laser beam sprite.

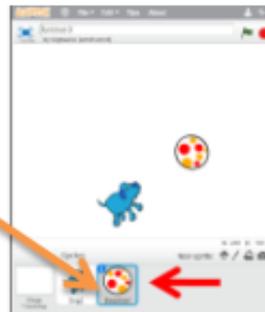
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when I start as a clone  
  play sound drum bass2  
  show  
  repeat until touching edge ? or  
    change y by 15  
  delete this clone
```

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Click on your enemy sprite so we can add code to it again

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when clicked  
  hide  
  forever  
    if key space pressed?  
      go to Spaceship  
      create clone of myself  
      wait 0.1 secs
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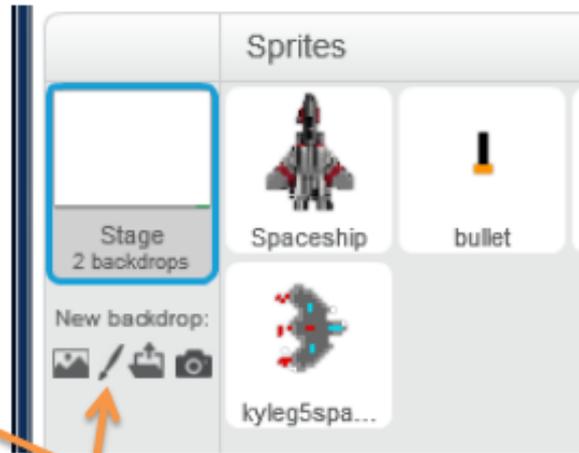
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Next: Make a game over screen

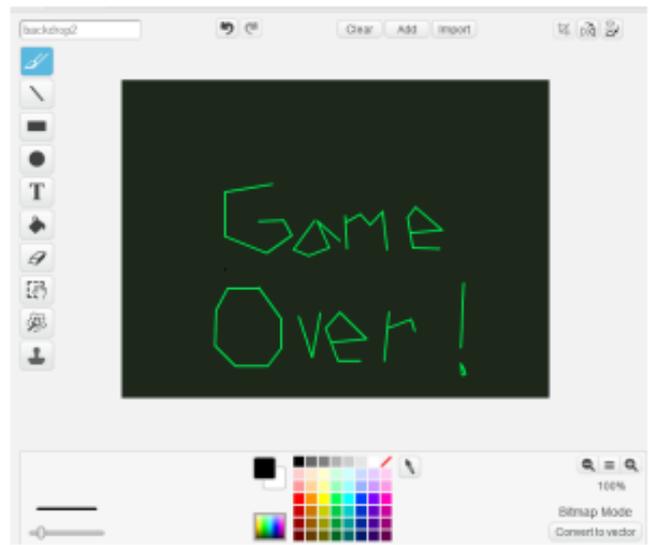
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Click on the "paint new backdrop" button.



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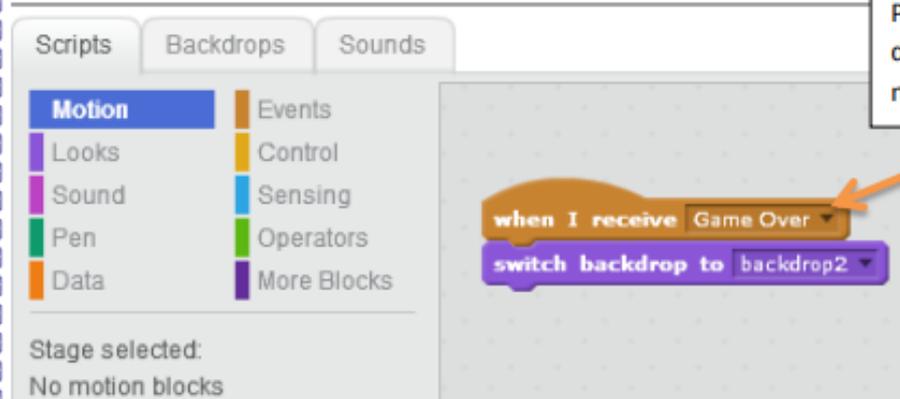
Paint a Game over screen



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Click on scripts for your backdrop and add this code:

Pro Tip: You will have to click the dropdown menu and click "create new message" then write Game Over



Finally: Make the game over screen show up when an enemy ship collides with the player.

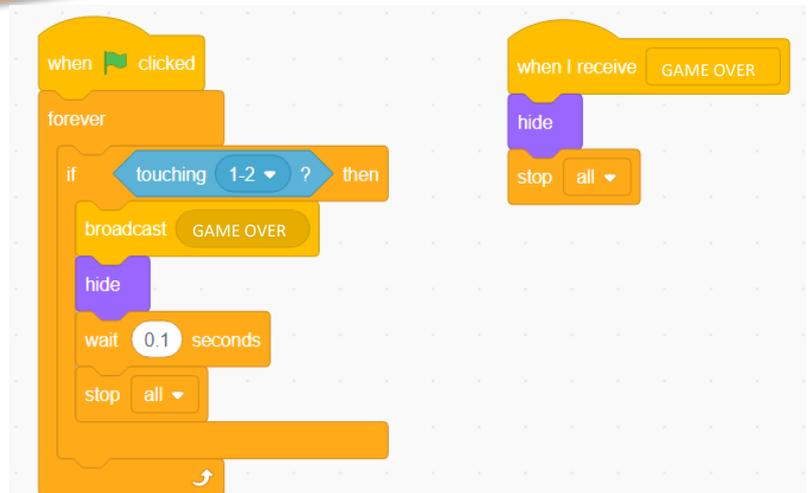
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Click on your enemy ship sprite, and then on scripts.



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Add this code to your enemy sprite:



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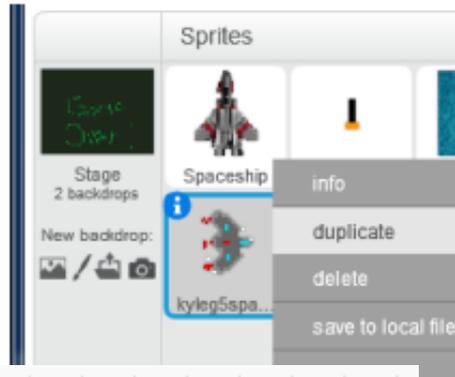
Test your code and de-bug any errors. After that you should have a working game!



Extra: Add more enemy sprites and a custom soundtrack to make your game more awesome.

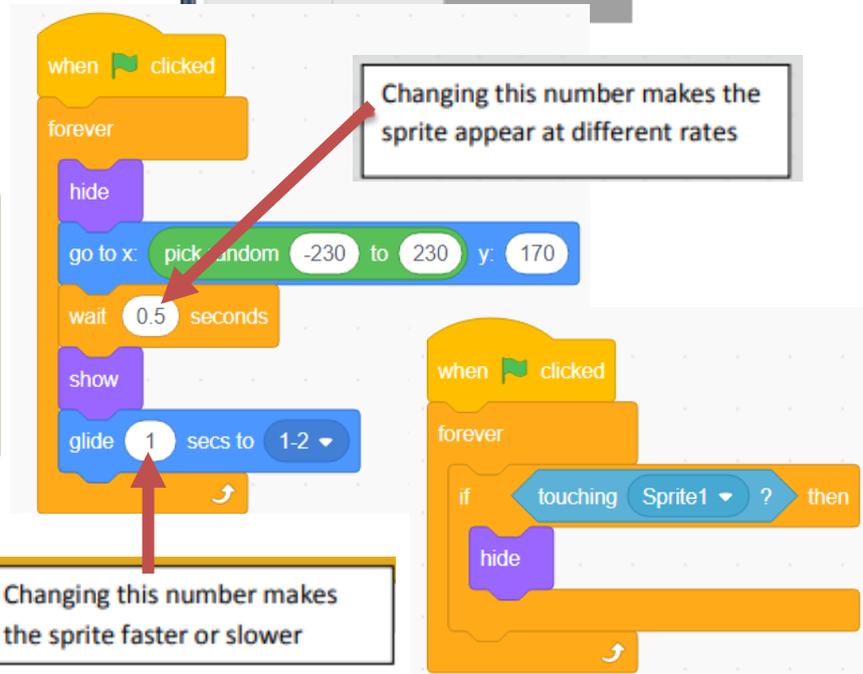
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Duplicate your enemy sprite a few times (right click, duplicate)



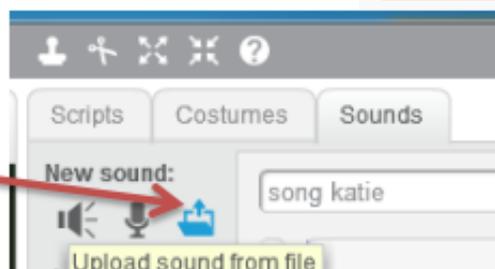
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Click on scripts for your new enemy sprite and change its code so it behaves differently.



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Click on your spaceship sprite and then on sounds, then click upload sound from file



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Upload a song you made using Beepbox and add this code to your spaceship scripts.

