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LESSON SOLUTIONS

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Lesson 1- Lists

Stage 1- Create a list

I need to buy some gifts for my family - I need some headphones, some cake, a guitar and an inflatable flamingo.

Let's put these names in a list. In Python, a list is an ordered collection of items. In our case we will have a list of four strings.

Tasks

- Make a list called 'shoppingList' which contains the following strings: "headphones", "cake", "guitar", "flamingo". You can use the 'create list with' block, or in Python you can write 'shoppingList=["headphones", ...etc]'.
• Print the list and check that you can see the value of the variable in the debug panel (bottom-right) and the printed list in the output panel (bottom left)

Solution



The image shows a Scratch script on the left and Python code on the right. The Scratch script consists of a 'set shoppingList to' block followed by a 'create list with' block containing four items: "headphones", "cake", "guitar", and "flamingo". Below this is a 'print shoppingList' block. The Python code on the right is:

```
1 shoppingList = ['headphones', 'cake', 'guitar', 'flamingo']  
2 print(shoppingList)  
3
```

Stage 2- Printing items

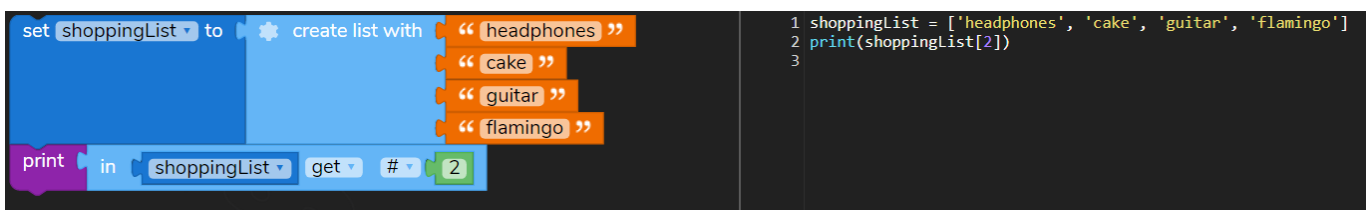
The items in a Python list can be accessed in order, but starting at zero rather than one. For example

- shoppingList[0] refers to the first item in the list.
- shoppingList[1] is the second item.

Tasks

- Print the name of the third item in the shopping list using the shoppingList[i] notation. Remember that the index starts from 0 not 1. What is the correct value of the index 'i'?

Solution



The image shows a Scratch script on the left and Python code on the right. The Scratch script consists of a 'set shoppingList to' block followed by a 'create list with' block containing four items: "headphones", "cake", "guitar", and "flamingo". Below this is a 'print in shoppingList get # 2' block. The Python code on the right is:

```
1 shoppingList = ['headphones', 'cake', 'guitar', 'flamingo']  
2 print(shoppingList[2])  
3
```



Stage 3- Adding an item


I forgot that my mother wants a pot-plant.

In Python, you can append to the end of a list by using the 'append' method.

Tasks

- Add "potplant" to the end of the list. You can use the 'insert at last' block or the 'shoppingList.append' method.
- Print the list to the output panel. Check that it contains five items now

Solution



```
set shoppingList to create list with "headphones"
"cake"
"guitar"
"flamingo"
print in shoppingList get # 2
in shoppingList insert at last as "potplant"
print shoppingList
```

```
1 shoppingList = ['headphones', 'cake', 'guitar', 'flamingo']
2 print(shoppingList[2])
3
4 shoppingList.append('potplant')
5 print(shoppingList)
6
```



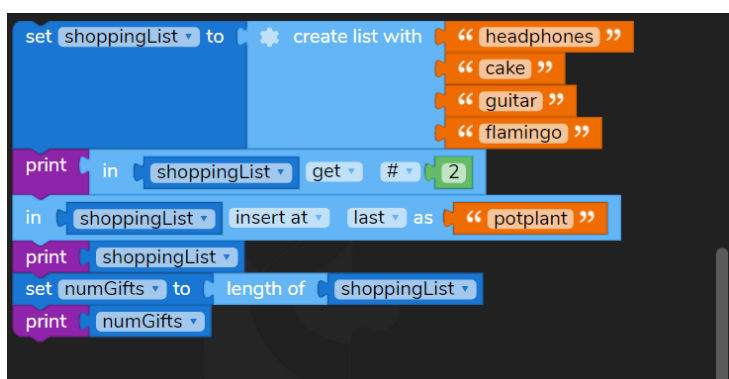
Stage 4- Find the length of the list

In Python, we can use the 'len' function to find the length of a string or a list.

Tasks

- Create a variable called 'numGifts' and assign it a value of 'len(shoppingList)'. Use the 'length of' block or the 'len()' function.
- Print the value of 'numGifts' to the output panel

Solution



```
set shoppingList to create list with "headphones"
"cake"
"guitar"
"flamingo"
print in shoppingList get # 2
in shoppingList insert at last as "potplant"
print shoppingList
set numGifts to length of shoppingList
print numGifts
```

```
1 shoppingList = ['headphones', 'cake', 'guitar', 'flamingo']
2 print(shoppingList[2])
3 shoppingList.append('potplant')
4 print(shoppingList)
5
6 numGifts = len(shoppingList)
7 print(numGifts)
```



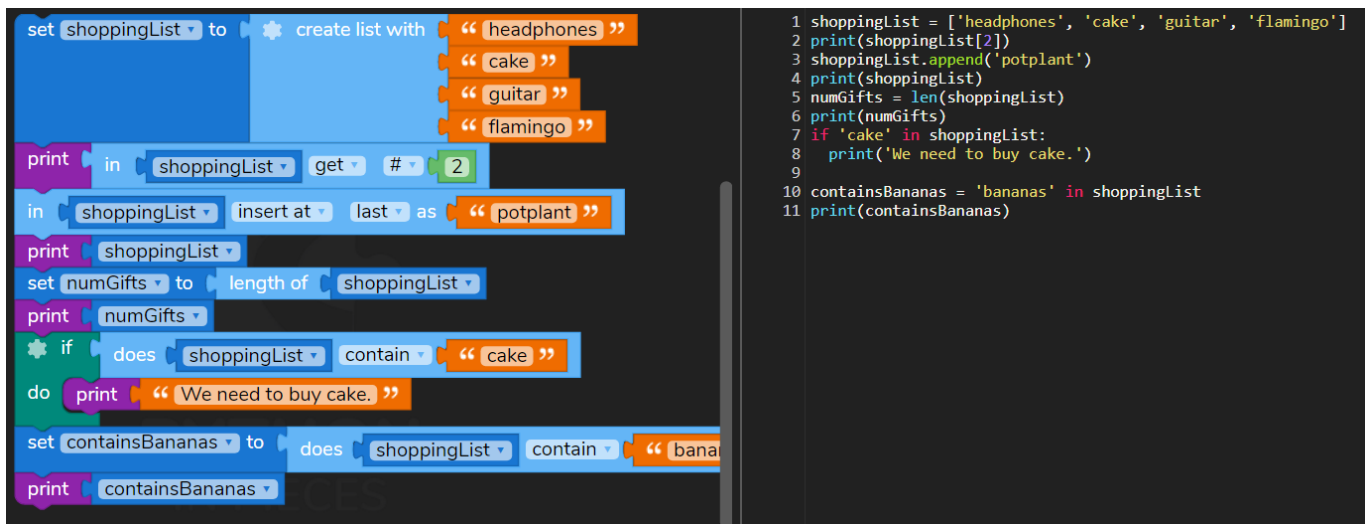
Did I remember to put 'cake' in the list?

- What about 'bananas'?
- To answer these kinds of questions we can use the 'in' keyword, which tells you if a list contains an item.

Tasks

- Use an 'if' statement to print the text "We need to buy cake" if the list contains 'cake'. You can use the 'does list contain' block or you can write 'if "cake" in shoppingList'.
- Make a variable called 'containsBananas'. Set its value equal to the value of the statement ' "bananas" in shoppingList'. Print the value of 'containsBananas' - this should print 'False' to the output panel because the list does not contain 'bananas'.

Solution



The image shows a Scratch script on the left and its corresponding Python code on the right. The Scratch script starts with a 'create list with' block containing 'headphones', 'cake', 'guitar', and 'flamingo'. It then prints the element at index 2, inserts 'potplant' at the end, prints the list, and calculates its length. An 'if' block checks if 'cake' is in the list and prints a message. Finally, it sets a variable 'containsBananas' to the result of 'does shoppingList contain bananas' and prints it.

```
1 shoppingList = ['headphones', 'cake', 'guitar', 'flamingo']
2 print(shoppingList[2])
3 shoppingList.append('potplant')
4 print(shoppingList)
5 numGifts = len(shoppingList)
6 print(numGifts)
7 if 'cake' in shoppingList:
8     print('We need to buy cake.')
9
10 containsBananas = 'bananas' in shoppingList
11 print(containsBananas)
```



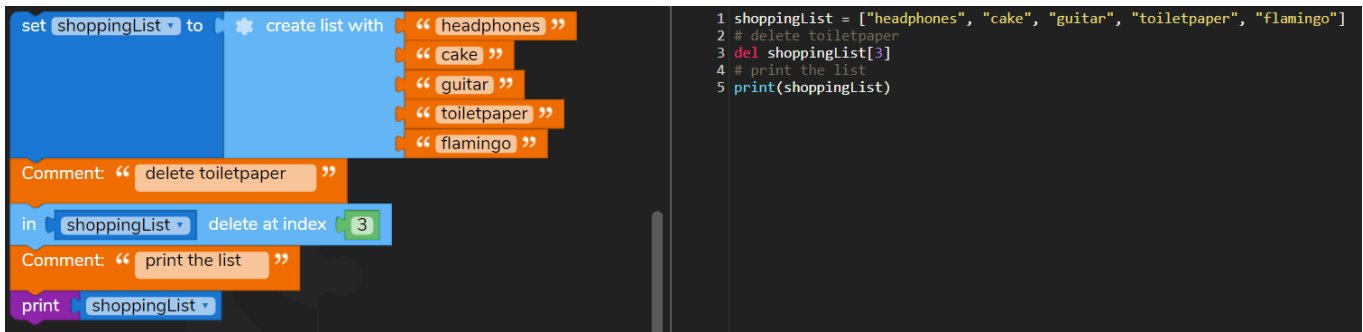
To remove from a list we can use Python's 'del' keyword. You have to specify which index to delete.

For example 'del shoppingList[1]' will delete the second item in the list because the index starts from zero. 'del shoppingList[i]' will delete the item at index i.

Tasks

- Someone has put 'toiletpaper' in my list by mistake. What index is it? Use the 'del' keyword to delete it and then print the list. Use 'del shoppingList[i]' and remember that the index starts from zero.

Solution



The solution is shown in two parts: Scratch code blocks on the left and Python code on the right.

Scratch Code Blocks:

- set shoppingList to create list with "headphones", "cake", "guitar", "toiletpaper", "flamingo"
- Comment: "delete toiletpaper"
- in shoppingList delete at index 3
- Comment: "print the list"
- print shoppingList

Python Code:

```
1 shoppingList = ["headphones", "cake", "guitar", "toiletpaper", "flamingo"]
2 # delete toiletpaper
3 del shoppingList[3]
4 # print the list
5 print(shoppingList)
```



Look at design view, it represents a shop with different items that you can buy. Look at the code, what do you think it does?

Let's add some comments to explain. In Python you can use a hash sign (#) to make any line into a comment, or you can surround some text with three double-quote symbols (" " ").

Tasks

- Add a few comments to explain to someone else what you think the code is meant to do. Use a hash (#) or three double-quote symbols (" " ")

Solution

The image shows a code editor with Python code on the right and a block-based design view on the left. The Python code defines a function `addToList` that takes an `item` parameter, adds it to a `shoppingList`, and prints the list. It also includes event listener functions for various items like guitar, flamingo, cake, bananas, potplant, laptop, and headphones.

```

1 def addToList(item):
2     #This is a function to add an item to a list called shoppingList.
3     #Add the item
4     shoppingList = [item.name]
5     #Print the list
6     print(shoppingList)
7
8 #When sprites are clicked on in the design view, call the function addToList.
9 #Pass the item that has been clicked into the function.
10 pip.eventmanager.when_click(guitar,addToList)
11 pip.eventmanager.when_click(flamingo,addToList)
12 pip.eventmanager.when_click(cake,addToList)
13 pip.eventmanager.when_click(bananas,addToList)
14 pip.eventmanager.when_click(potplant,addToList)
15 pip.eventmanager.when_click(laptop,addToList)
16 pip.eventmanager.when_click(headphones,addToList)
17

```

The block-based design view on the left shows the following structure:

- Function Definition:** A function block `def addToList with params: item` containing:
 - Comment: " This is a function to add an item to a list called shoppingList. "
 - Comment: " Add the item "
 - Block: `set shoppingList to create list with get item name`
 - Comment: " Print the list "
 - Block: `print shoppingList`
- Event Listeners:** A series of `When click on` blocks for each item, each followed by `execute the function addToList`.
 - guitar
 - flamingo
 - cake
 - bananas
 - potplant
 - laptop
 - headphones
- Additional Comments:**
 - Comment: " When sprites are clicked on in the design view, call the function addToList. "
 - Comment: " Pass the item that has been clicked into the function. "



The code doesn't work properly at the moment. Click on some items and see what is printed out. You should see that the shopping list only ever contains one item - the last one you clicked on. The problem is that we are re-assigning the variable 'shoppingList' rather than appending to the list. Let's fix it.

Tasks

- Define the variable called 'shoppingList' at the top of your program, outside of the 'addToList' function. Initialize 'shoppingList' it to an empty list. You can use the 'create empty list' block or you can write: 'shoppingList = []'
- Change the code inside the function so that 'item.name' is appended to the list rather than the list being re-assigned.
- Check that the code works now. Click on a few items so that your shopping list isn't

Solution

The image shows two solutions for the problem. On the left is a Scratch-style block-based solution, and on the right is a Python code solution.

Block-based solution (left):

- Function Definition:** A 'def addToList with params: item' block contains:
 - Comment: "This is a function to add an item to a list called shoppingList."
 - Comment: "Add the item"
 - Block: 'in shoppingList insert at last as get item name'
 - Comment: "Print the list"
 - Block: 'print shoppingList'
- Global Variable:** A 'set shoppingList to create empty list' block.
- Comments:**
 - "When sprites are clicked on in the design view, call the function addToList."
 - "Pass the item that has been clicked into the function."
- Event Listeners:** Seven 'When click on' blocks for 'guitar', 'flamingo', 'cake', 'bananas', 'potplant', 'laptop', and 'headphones', each followed by 'execute the function addToList'.

Python code solution (right):

```

1 def addToList(item):
2     #This is a function to add an item to a list called shoppingList.
3     #Add the item
4     shoppingList.append(item.name)
5     #print the list
6     print(shoppingList)
7
8 shoppingList = []
9 #when sprites are clicked on in the design view, call the function addToList.
10 #Pass the item that has been clicked into the function.
11 pip.eventmanager.when_click(guitar,addToList)
12 pip.eventmanager.when_click(flamingo,addToList)
13 pip.eventmanager.when_click(cake,addToList)
14 pip.eventmanager.when_click(bananas,addToList)
15 pip.eventmanager.when_click(potplant,addToList)
16 pip.eventmanager.when_click(laptop,addToList)
17 pip.eventmanager.when_click(headphones,addToList)
18
  
```




At the moment you can add the same item's name multiple times to the list. Let's make it so that if an item's name is already in the list you cannot add it again.

Tasks

- Before appending to the list, use an 'if' statement and the 'in' keyword to check if the shoppingList contains the item's name. Only add it if it is not in the list already.
- Check your program by clicking on the flamingo three times. At the end, your shopping list should contain just one flamingo.

Solution

```

def addToList with params: item
  Comment: " This is a function to add an item to a list called shoppingList. "
  Comment: " Only add the itm if it is not already in the list. "
  set query to does shoppingList contain get item name
  if query == False
  do
    Comment: " Add the item "
    in shoppingList insert at last as get item name
  Comment: " Print the list to check "
  print shoppingList

set shoppingList to create empty list
Comment: " When sprites are clicked on in the design view, call the function addToList. "
Comment: " Pass the item that has been clicked into the function. "
When click on guitar execute the function addToList
When click on flamingo execute the function addToList
When click on cake execute the function addToList
When click on bananas execute the function addToList
When click on potplant execute the function addToList
When click on laptop execute the function addToList
When click on headphones execute the function addToList

```

```

1 def addToList(item):
2     #This is a function to add an item to a list called shoppingList.
3     #Only add the itm if it is not already in the list.
4     query = item.name in shoppingList
5
6     if query == False:
7         #Add the item
8         shoppingList.append(item.name)
9         #Print the list to check
10    print(shoppingList)
11
12
13 shoppingList = []
14 #When sprites are clicked on in the design view, call the function addToList.
15 #Pass the item that has been clicked into the function.
16 pip.eventmanager.when_click(guitar,addToList)
17 pip.eventmanager.when_click(flamingo,addToList)
18 pip.eventmanager.when_click(cake,addToList)
19 pip.eventmanager.when_click(bananas,addToList)
20 pip.eventmanager.when_click(potplant,addToList)
21 pip.eventmanager.when_click(laptop,addToList)
22 pip.eventmanager.when_click(headphones,addToList)
23

```



How many items are in the list? Let's add a button which tells us.

Tasks

- Add two buttons. One should say “How many” and it should be called it ‘btnHowMany’. The other button should say “Remove” and should be called it ‘btnRemove’.
- Make a function called ‘printHowMany’. Add code to execute the function when ‘btnHowMany’ is clicked.
- Inside the ‘printHowMany’ function print the length of ‘shoppingList’ to the output panel.
- Test your code by adding three elements to the shoppingList and clicking the “Print length” button. It should say ‘3’ in the output panel.

Solution

The Scratch code blocks are as follows:

- def printHowMany
- print length of shoppingList
- set shoppingList to create empty list
- Comment: “ When sprites are clicked on in the design view, call the function addToList. ”
- Comment: “ Pass the item that has been clicked into the function. ”
- When click on guitar execute the function addToList
- When click on flamingo execute the function addToList
- When click on cake execute the function addToList
- When click on bananas execute the function addToList
- When click on potplant execute the function addToList
- When click on laptop execute the function addToList
- When click on headphones execute the function addToList
- Comment: “ Call the printHowMnay function when the user clicks the button. ”
- When click on btnHowMany execute the function printHowMany

```
1 def addToList(item):
2     #This is a function to add an item to a list called shoppingList.
3     #Only add the itm if it is not already in the list.
4     query = (item.name) in shoppingList
5     if query == False:
6         #Add the item
7         shoppingList.append(item.name)
8         #Print the list to check
9         print(shoppingList)
10
11 def printHowMany():
12     print(len(shoppingList))
13
14
15 shoppingList = []
16 #When sprites are clicked on in the design view, call the function addToList.
17 #Pass the item that has been clicked into the function.
18 pip.eventmanager.when_click(guitar,addToList)
19 pip.eventmanager.when_click(flamingo,addToList)
20 pip.eventmanager.when_click(cake,addToList)
21 pip.eventmanager.when_click(bananas,addToList)
22 pip.eventmanager.when_click(potplant,addToList)
23 pip.eventmanager.when_click(laptop,addToList)
24 pip.eventmanager.when_click(headphones,addToList)
25 #Call the printHowMnay function when the user clicks the button.
26 pip.eventmanager.when_click(btnHowMany,printHowMany)
27
```



Tasks

- Make a function called 'removeFromList'. Add code to execute the function when 'btnRemove' is clicked.
- Inside the 'removeFromList' function, present them with an input box and ask them to select which index to remove. Remind the user that the index starts from zero.
- Remove the item at that index and print the revised shopping list. Hint - the value returned from the 'input' function is a string. For example it might be "2". You will need to convert the string into an integer (eg. 2).
- Test your code by adding some items to the list and then deleting the item at index zero until your list is empty.

Solution

```
def addToList with params: item
  Comment: " This is a function to add an item to a list called shoppingList "
  Comment: " Only add the item if it is not already in the list "
  set query to does shoppingList contain get item name
  if query == False
  do Comment: " add the item "
  in shoppingList insert at last as get item name
  Comment: " Print the list to check "
  print shoppingList

def printHowMany
  Comment: " Print the length of 'shoppingList' to the output panel. "
  print length of shoppingList

def removeFromList
  Comment: " Function to remove an item from the list. "
  set itemNumber to Input with message " Enter the index number of the item to remove. Re... "
  in shoppingList delete at index int itemNumber
  print shoppingList
```

set shoppingList to create empty list

Comment: " call function addToList when sprite clicked "

Comment: " Pass the item into the function "

When click on guitar execute the function addToList

When click on flamingo execute the function addToList

When click on cake execute the function addToList

When click on bananas execute the function addToList

When click on potplant execute the function addToList

When click on laptop execute the function addToList

When click on headphones execute the function addToList

Comment: " code to execute the function when 'btnHowMany' is clicked. "

When click on btnHowMany execute the function printHowMany

Comment: " code to execute the function when 'btnRemove' is clicked. "

When click on btnRemove execute the function removeFromList

```

1 def addToList(item):
2     # function to add an item to the list called shoppingList
3     # Only add the item if it is not already on the list
4     if item.name in shoppingList:
5         print(shoppingList)
6     else:
7         # add the item
8         shoppingList.append(item.name)
9         #print the list to check
10        print(shoppingList)
11
12 def removeFromList():
13     #Function to remove an item from the list
14     itemNumber = input("Enter the index number of the item to remove.")
15     del shoppingList[int(itemNumber)]
16     print(shoppingList)
17
18 def printHowMany():
19     #Print the length of shoppingList
20     print(len(shoppingList))
21
22
23 shoppingList = []
24 #click events, when you click and item it is added to the list
25 pip.eventmanager.when_click(guitar,addToList)
26 pip.eventmanager.when_click(flamingo,addToList)
27 pip.eventmanager.when_click(cake,addToList)
28 pip.eventmanager.when_click(bananas,addToList)
29 pip.eventmanager.when_click(potplant,addToList)
30 pip.eventmanager.when_click(laptop,addToList)
31 pip.eventmanager.when_click(headphones,addToList)
32 pip.eventmanager.when_click(btnHowMany,printHowMany)
33 pip.eventmanager.when_click(btnRemove,removeFromList)
34

```



Try out the following challenges.

Suggestions

- Instead of printing to the console, add a shop assistant character who tells the user the answers.
- Instead of stopping users adding multiple items, instead ask them if they are sure that's what they want to do.
- Stop users deleting items that are not there - for example if a shopper has 3 items then they should not be able to delete the item at index 5.
- To help the user, when you ask for the item to be deleted, print the item numbers alongside the item names. Use a for loop to do this - for example 0: flamingo, 1: cake, 2: laptop.
- Instead of asking the user which index they want to delete, ask them which name they want to delete and then remove that name.
- Maintain several lists at once - shoppers should be asked their name and the code should maintain a different list for each person.

Possible Solution

```
1 def addToList(item):
2     #This is a function to add an item to a list called shoppingList
3     #Only add the item if it is not already in the list
4     query = (item.name) in shoppingList
5     if query == False:
6         #add the item
7         shoppingList.append(item.name)
8         assistant.say('You have added '+item.name+' to your list.',5)
9     else:
10        answer = input(('You already have '+item.name+' in your list. Do you want to add another? (answer y or n)'))
11        if answer == 'y':
12            shoppingList.append(item.name)
13            assistant.say('You have added another '+item.name+' to your list.',5)
14
15 def printHowMany():
16     # Print the length of 'shoppingList' to the output panel.
17     print(len(shoppingList))
18     assistant.say('You have '+str((len(shoppingList)))+ ' items in your list.',5)
19
20 def removeFromList():
21     # Function to remove an item from the list.
22     listWithNumbers = ''
23     for i in range(len(shoppingList)):
24         listWithNumbers = listWithNumbers + str(i) + ': ' + shoppingList[i] + ', '
25     assistant.say('Your current list is '+listWithNumbers,6)
26     itemNumber = int(input('Enter the index number of the item to remove.))
27     if itemNumber > len(shoppingList) - 1:
28         assistant.say('You do not have that item in your list'+shoppingList,10)
29     else:
30         del shoppingList[int(itemNumber)]
31         listWithNumbers = ''
32         for i in range(len(shoppingList)):
33             listWithNumbers = listWithNumbers + str(i) + ': ' + shoppingList[i] + ', '
34         pip.alert('Your current list is '+listWithNumbers)
35
36 def listCart():
37     # Function to list the items in a numbered sequence.
38     listWithNumbers = ''
39
40     for i in range(len(shoppingList)):
41         listWithNumbers = listWithNumbers + str(i) + ': ' + shoppingList[i] + ', '
42     pip.alert('Your current list is '+listWithNumbers)
43
```



```
44
45 shoppingList = []
46 #call function addToList when sprite clicked
47 #Pass the item into the function
48 pip.eventmanager.when_click(guitar,addToList)
49 pip.eventmanager.when_click(flamingo,addToList)
50 pip.eventmanager.when_click(cake,addToList)
51 pip.eventmanager.when_click(bananas,addToList)
52 pip.eventmanager.when_click(potplant,addToList)
53 pip.eventmanager.when_click(laptop,addToList)
54 pip.eventmanager.when_click(headphones,addToList)
55 #code to execute the function when 'btnHowMany' is clicked.
56 pip.eventmanager.when_click(btnHowMany,printHowMany)
57 #code to execute the function when 'btnRemove' is clicked.
58 pip.eventmanager.when_click(btnRemove,removeFromList)
59 #code to list the cart.
60 pip.eventmanager.when_click(btnCart,listCart)
61
```

Lesson 2- Nested Selection

Stage 1- if, elif, else statements

When you put an 'if' statement inside another 'if' statement they are called 'nested'. You can create complicated branching code in this way. In fact we use nested if/else decision making in real life all the time. But real life is boring. And watch out, a giant cave slug has just attacked you.

Tasks

- After the 'if' statement, add an 'elif' statement that checks if action is 'F'. If so, make a variable called 'luck' and assign it a random value between 1 and 10. Use 'random.randint'.
- Use a nested 'if' statement inside the 'elif' block to check if 'luck' is less than 4. If so, alert the text 'It eats you alive'. Use 'pip.alert' to do this.
- Add an 'elif' statement to check if luck is less than 7. If so, alert the text 'It chews off a big chunk of flesh, but you escape'.
- Add an 'else' statement which alerts the text 'You fight well - the slug crawls off'.
- Test your code a few times. Fight the slug and check that you get random outcomes.

Solution



```
import random

set action to Input with message "A giant cave slug attacks you. Enter F to fight,..."
if action == "R"
do alert "You run away"
elif action == "F"
do set luck to random integer from 1 to 10
  if luck < 4
do alert "It eats you alive."
  elif luck < 7
do alert "It chews off a big chunk of, flesh but you escape."
  else
do alert "You fight well - the slug crawls off."
```

```
1 import random
2 action = input("A giant cave slug attacks you. Enter F to fight, or R to run away")
3 if action == 'R':
4     pip.alert("You run away")
5 elif action == 'F':
6     luck = random.randint(1,10)
7     if luck < 4:
8         pip.alert("It eats you alive.")
9     elif luck < 7:
10        pip.alert("It chews off a big chunk of, flesh but you escape.")
11    else:
12        pip.alert("You fight well - the slug crawls off.")
13
```



Let's start making an adventure game. There will be three locations in our game. We will call them 0, 1 and 2. They will actually be a desert, the woods and a cave. You start in location 0 (the desert). The user can enter 'L' to go left or 'R' to go right.

Tasks

- Underneath the 'import' statements, make a variable called 'playing' and initialize it to True, and another called 'location', initialized to 0.
- Make a 'while' loop which runs while playing is True. In Python you can write 'while playing:'
- Next, use an 'if' statement to check if the player is at location 0.
- If so, use 'pip.alert' to say 'You are in the desert', use 'background.set_image' to set the background image to a desert and then use an 'input' statement to ask the user 'Enter R to go right, or X to exit'. Assign their response to a variable called 'action'.
- Use an 'elif' statement to check if location equals 1. If so, alert 'You are in the woods', set the background image to woods and then input 'Enter L to go left, R to go right, or X to exit'. Assign their response to 'action'.
- Add an 'else' statement - this code will be executed if the player is at location 2. Alert the text 'You are in the caves', set the background image to the cave and then input 'Enter L to go left, or X to exit'. Assign their response to 'action'.
- At the end of your while loop, check if 'action' equals 'X' and if so set playing to False. Play the game and check it tells you that you're in the desert. Enter X to exit.

Solution

```
from time import sleep

import random

set playing to True
set location to 0
repeat while playing
do
  if location == 0
  do
    alert "You are in the desert"
    background set image to [desert image]
    set action to Input with message "Enter R to go right, or X to exit."
  elif location == 1
  do
    alert "You are in the woods"
    background set image to [woods image]
    set action to Input with message "Enter L to go left, R to go right, or X to exit."
  else
  do
    alert "You are in the caves"
    background set image to [cave image]
    set action to Input with message "Enter L to go left, or X to exit."
  if action == "X"
  do
    set playing to False
```



```

1 import random
2 from time import sleep
3
4
5 playing = True
6 location = 0
7
8 while playing:
9     if location == 0:
10        pip.alert("You are in the desert")
11        background.set_image("backgrounds/desert 2.png")
12        action = input("Enter R to go right, or X to exit.")
13    elif location == 1:
14        pip.alert("You are in the woods")
15        background.set_image("backgrounds/forest day.png")
16        action = input("Enter L to go left, R to go right, or X to exit.")
17    else:
18        pip.alert("You are in the caves")
19        background.set_image("backgrounds/cave.jpg")
20        action = input("Enter L to go left, or X to exit.")
21    if action == 'X':
22        playing = False

```



Stage 3- Add functions

When the user enters action 'L' we need to move left, and when they enter 'R' we need to move right. We should make functions for these because they will need to contain quite a lot of code. Let's add some visual elements to make it more interesting

Tasks

- Before your while loop, define two functions called 'moveLeft' and 'moveRight'. They don't need any parameters.
- Inside the 'moveLeft' function make 'hero' glide to the point (0, 500) over 3 seconds. You can use the 'glide to' block or write 'hero.glide(0, 500, 3)'. Make the program sleep for 3 seconds and then set hero.x = 500 and hero.y = 500.
- Inside 'moveRight' make 'hero' glide to (1000, 500) over 3 seconds. Then, make the program sleep for 3 seconds and reposition the hero.
- After checking if action is 'X', use 'elif' to check if 'action' equals 'L'. If so execute the function 'moveLeft'. Use another 'elif' to check if action equals 'R' and if so execute the function 'moveRight'.
- Test the program - make the hero move right a few times and then enter 'X' to exit. Don't worry that you always stay in the desert - we haven't written that code yet.

Solutions on following page...

Solution

```
from time import sleep

import random

def moveLeft():
    hero.glide(0, 500, 3)
    sleep(3)
    hero.x = 500
    hero.y = 500

def moveRight():
    hero.glide(1000, 500, 3)
    sleep(3)
    hero.x = 500
    hero.y = 500

playing = True
location = 0
while playing:
    if location == 0:
        alert("You are in the desert")
        background.set_image("backgrounds/desert 2.png")
        action = input("Enter R to go right, or X to exit.")
    elif location == 1:
        alert("You are in the woods")
        background.set_image("backgrounds/forest day.png")
        action = input("Enter L to go left, R to go right, or X to exit.")
    else:
        alert("You are in the caves")
        background.set_image("backgrounds/cave.jpg")
        action = input("Enter L to go left, or X to exit.")
    if action == "X":
        playing = False
    elif action == "R":
        moveRight()
    elif action == "L":
        moveLeft()
```

```
1 import random
2
3 from time import sleep
4
5 def moveLeft():
6     hero.glide(0,500,3)
7     sleep(3)
8     hero.x = 500
9     hero.y = 500
10
11 def moveRight():
12     hero.glide(1000,500,3)
13     sleep(3)
14     hero.x = 500
15     hero.y = 500
16
17
18 playing = True
19 location = 0
20 while playing:
21     if location == 0:
22         pip.alert("You are in the desert")
23         background.set_image("backgrounds/desert 2.png")
24         action = input("Enter R to go right, or X to exit.")
25     elif location == 1:
26         pip.alert("You are in the woods")
27         background.set_image("backgrounds/forest day.png")
28         action = input("Enter L to go left, R to go right, or X to exit.")
29     else:
30         pip.alert("You are in the caves")
31         background.set_image("backgrounds/cave.jpg")
32         action = input("Enter L to go left, or X to exit.")
33     if action == "X":
34         playing = False
35     elif action == "R":
36         moveRight()
37     elif action == "L":
38         moveLeft()
39
```



Before we go much further we need to recap how variables work in Python. You can have a variables with the same name inside and outside a function:

This prints the word 'Global value' not 'CHANGED VALUE'.

This is good - it means that other programmers can use variables called 'val' inside their functions, safe in the knowledge that they aren't messing up the value used outside by someone else.

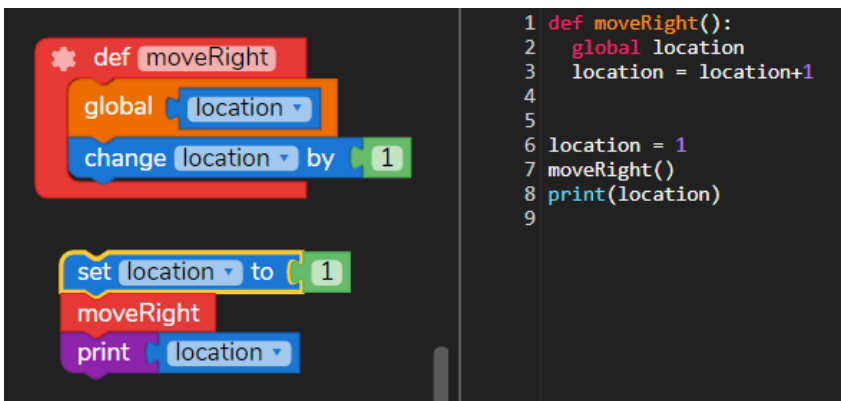
In our program we actually do want change the value of 'location' inside our moveLeft and moveRight functions, so we need to tell Python to let us change it.

This is called declaring a variable 'global', and you need to do it whenever you want to change a 'global' variable inside a function

Tasks

- Run the code. Check that you get an error. Python won't let you change the variable unless you mark it as 'global'. Fix it by declaring 'location' as global. Check that it prints 2.

Solution



```
1 def moveRight():
2     global location
3     location = location+1
4
5
6 location = 1
7 moveRight()
8 print(location)
9
```



We need to change the value of the variable 'location' inside our functions.

Tasks

- In the 'moveLeft' function declare 'location' as global. After the 3 second sleep, change 'location' to 'location' minus one.
- In the 'moveRight' function declare 'location' as global. After the 3 second sleep, change 'location' to 'location' plus one.
- Test your code. Go right and check that you reach the woods. In the debug panel you should see that location is 1. Use X to exit.

Solution on following page...

The image shows two columns of Scratch code blocks. The left column contains two function blocks: `def moveLeft` and `def moveRight`. Both functions use `global location`, glide the hero to (0, 500) or (1000, 500) over 3 seconds, sleep for 3 seconds, set hero.x and hero.y to 500, and change location by -1 or +1. The right column contains the main game loop: `set playing to True`, `set location to 0`, and a `repeat while playing` loop. Inside the loop, there are nested `if` statements for `location == 0`, `location == 1`, and an `else` block. Each `if` block sets a background, shows an alert, and prompts for user input. After the `if` blocks, there is another `if` block for `action == "X"` that sets `playing` to `False`, and `elif` blocks for `action == "R"` and `action == "L"` that call `moveRight` and `moveLeft` respectively.

```

global location
hero.glide(0,500,3)
sleep(3)
hero.x = 500
hero.y = 500
location = location-1

def moveRight():
    global location
    hero.glide(1000,500,3)
    sleep(3)
    hero.x = 500
    hero.y = 500
    location = location+1

import random

from time import sleep

playing = True
location = 0
while playing:
    if location == 0:
        background.set_image("backgrounds/desert 2.png")
        pip.alert("You are in the desert")
        action = input("Enter R to go right, or X to exit.")
    elif location == 1:
        background.set_image("backgrounds/forest day.png")
        pip.alert("You are in the woods")
        action = input("Enter L to go left, R to go right, or X to exit.")
    else:
        background.set_image("backgrounds/cave.jpg")
        pip.alert("You are in the caves")
        action = input("Enter L to go left, or X to exit.")
    if action == "X":
        playing = False
    elif action == "R":
        moveRight()
    elif action == "L":
        moveLeft()

```



Different things can happen in our game depending on where the user is. For example, the caves are full of giant slugs. Nested 'if' statements are useful but sometimes it is better to separate out some logic into a function otherwise your code can get long and complex. Often, a combination of nested 'if' statements and functions is best.

Let's make a function to handle the slug fighting.

Solution

The Scratch code defines three functions: `moveLeft`, `moveRight`, and `fightSlug`. The main game loop starts with `playing = True` and `location = 0`. It enters a `while playing` loop. Inside, it checks the `location` and sets the background and alerts accordingly. It then prompts the user for an action. Based on the action and the current location, it either moves the hero, fights a slug, or breaks out of the loop.

```

1 def moveLeft():
2     global location
3     hero.glide(0,500,3)
4     sleep(3)
5     hero.x = 500
6     hero.y = 500
7     location = location-1
8
9 def moveRight():
10    global location
11    hero.glide(1000,500,3)
12    sleep(3)
13    hero.x = 500
14    hero.y = 500
15    location = location+1
16
17 def fightSlug():
18    pip.alert("Fight")
19
20
21 from time import sleep
22
23 import random
24
25 playing = True
26 location = 0
27 while playing:
28     if location == 0:
29         background.set_image("backgrounds/desert 2.png")
30         pip.alert("You are in the desert")
31         action = input("Enter R to go right, or X to exit.")
32     elif location == 1:
33         background.set_image("backgrounds/forest day.png")
34         pip.alert("You are in the woods")
35         action = input("Enter L to go left, R to go right, or X to exit.")
36     else:
37         background.set_image("backgrounds/cave.jpg")
38         pip.alert("You are in the caves. Suddenly, a giant cave slug attacks you.")
39         slugAction = input("Enter F to fight, or R to run away.")
40         if slugAction == "F":
41             fightSlug()
42         if playing == False:
43             break
44         action = input("Enter L to go left, or X to exit.")
45
46     if action == "X":
47         playing = False
48     elif action == "R":
49         moveRight()
50     elif action == "L":
51         moveLeft()
52

```



Let's fill in the details of the slug fighting function. We will use a variable called 'energy' and each time you lose a fight your energy should decrease.

Tasks

- After setting 'location = 0', make another variable called 'energy' and initialize it to 3.
- Inside the 'fightSlug' function, delete the alert, make a variable called 'luck' and assign it a random value between 1 and 10. Use 'random.randint'."
- Use an 'if' statement to check if luck is less than 4. If so, alert the text 'It eats you alive' and set 'playing' equal to False. Make sure you declare 'playing' as global first.
- Add an 'elif' statement to check if luck is less than 7. If so, alert the text 'It chews off a big chunk of flesh, but you escape' and decrease 'energy' by 1. Make sure you declare 'energy' as global first.
- Add an 'else' statement which alerts the text 'You fight well - the slug crawls off'.
- Test your game by fighting the slug a few times. Check that the value of 'energy' shown in the debug panel is correct.

Solution

```

import random

from time import sleep

def moveLeft():
    global location
    hero.glide_to((0, 500), over=3)
    sleep(3)
    hero.x = 500
    hero.y = 500
    location -= 1

def moveRight():
    global location
    hero.glide_to((1000, 500), over=3)
    sleep(3)
    hero.x = 500
    hero.y = 500
    location += 1

def fightSlug():
    global playing
    global energy
    luck = random.randint(1, 10)
    if luck <= 4:
        alert("It eats you alive.")
        playing = False
    elif luck <= 7:
        alert("It chews off a big chunk of flesh, but you escape.")
        energy -= 1
    else:
        alert("You fight well - the slug crawls off.")

# Main game loop
sleep(5)
playing = True
energy = 3
location = 0
while playing:
    if location == 0:
        background.set_image("desert")
        alert("You are in the desert.")
        action = input("Enter R to go right, or X to exit.")
    elif location == 1:
        background.set_image("woods")
        alert("You are in the woods.")
        action = input("Enter L to go left, R to go right, or X to exit.")
    else:
        background.set_image("cave")
        alert("You are in the caves. Suddenly, a giant cave slug appears.")
        slugAction = input("Enter F to fight, or R to run away.")
        if slugAction == "F":
            fightSlug()
            if playing == False:
                break
        action = input("Enter L to go left, or X to exit.")
    if action == "R":
        playing = False
    elif action == "L":
        moveRight()
    elif action == "X":
        moveLeft()

```

Solution continued on following page...

Solution

```

1 def fightSlug():
2     global playing
3     global energy
4     luck = random.randint(1, 10)
5     if luck < 4:
6         pip.alert("It eats you alive.")
7         playing = False
8     elif luck < 7:
9         pip.alert("It chews off a big chunk of flesh, but you escape.")
10        energy = energy-1
11    else:
12        pip.alert("You fight well - the slug crawls off.")
13
14 def moveLeft():
15     global location
16     hero.glide(0,500,3)
17     sleep(3)
18     hero.x = 500
19     hero.y = 500
20     location = location-1
21
22 def moveRight():
23     global location
24     hero.glide(1000,500,3)
25     sleep(3)
26     hero.x = 500
27     hero.y = 500
28     location = location+1
29
30
31 import random
32
33 from time import sleep
34
35 sleep(5)
36 playing = True
37 energy = 3
38 location = 0
39 while playing:
40     if location == 0:
41         background.set_image("backgrounds/desert 2.png")
42         pip.alert("You are in the desert")
43         action = input("Enter R to go right, or X to exit.")
44     elif location == 1:
45         background.set_image("backgrounds/forest day.png")
46         pip.alert("You are in the woods")
47         action = input("Enter L to go left, R to go right, or X to exit.")
48     else:
49         background.set_image("backgrounds/cave.jpg")
50         pip.alert("You are in the caves. Suddenly, a giant cave slug attacks you.")
51         slugAction = input("Enter F to fight, or R to run away.")
52         if slugAction == "F":
53             fightSlug()
54         if playing == False:
55             break
56         action = input("Enter L to go left, or X to exit.")
57     if action == "X":
58         playing = False
59     elif action == "R":
60         moveRight()
61     elif action == "L":
62         moveLeft()
63

```




Try out the following challenges.

Suggestions

- Check when the user's energy drops to zero and if so set playing = False and make sure the game ends.
- Tell the user their energy level when they reach a new location and tell them when the game is over.
- At the moment there is nothing stopping you going left from the desert, or right from the cave. location will become -1 or 3. Add code to stop this.
- Add another location - use your imagination.
- Make it so that the hero can move in four directions not just two.
- Add some different events that can happen in the different locations. This could be other monsters that you can fight or anything else that involves 'if' and 'elif' statements.
- Add a monster that asks a riddle - if the user gets it right they can escape.
- Add collectable objects which help you fight the slug, or that boost your energy level.

Lesson 3 – Password Generator

Stage 1- The 'split' method

In Python, you can split any string using the 'split' method. You need to tell the method what 'separator' to use. For example, here is a string consisting of four names separated by the '&' symbol.

Tasks

- Make a list called 'namesList' which contains the four names in the string 'namesStr'. Choose the right delimiter to use. Print 'namesList'
- Make a list called 'placesList' which contains the four places in the string 'placesStr'. Choose the right delimiter to use. Print 'placesList'
- Make a list called 'coloursList' which contains the four colours in the string 'coloursStr'. Choose the right delimiter to use. Print 'coloursList'
- Make a list called 'booksList' which contains the four books in the string 'booksStr'. Choose the right delimiter to use. Print 'booksList'

Solution

```
set placesStr to "London$New York$Cape Town$Tokyo$Buenos Aires"
set placesList to split text placesStr with delimiter "$"
print placesList
set coloursStr to "purple-green-lilac-black-orange"
set coloursList to split text coloursStr with delimiter "."
print coloursList
set booksStr to "Great Expectations;Things fall apart;Lord of the..."
set booksList to split text booksStr with delimiter ";"
print booksList
```

```
1 placesStr="London$New York$Cape Town$Tokyo$Buenos Aires"
2 placesList = placesStr.split('$')
3 print(placesList)
4
5
6 coloursStr="purple-green-lilac-black-orange"
7 coloursList = coloursStr.split('.')
8 print(coloursList)
9
10
11 booksStr="Great Expectations;Things fall apart;Lord of the Flies;Wide Sargasso Sea"
12 booksList = booksStr.split(';')
13 print(booksList)
14
```

Stage 2- Splitting the alphabet

Now we are ready to start our password generator.

The code for this stage contains a string variable called 'lowerStr', equal to the lower case letters of the alphabet, separated by commas.

lowerStr = "a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h,i,j,k,l,m,n,o,p,q,r,s,t,u,v,w,x,y,z"

We need to make a list from this so that we can easily choose random letters for our password. Our delimiter is a comma.

Solution

```
set lowerStr to "a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h,i,j,k,l,m,n,o,p,q,r,s,t,u,v,w,x,y,z"
set lowerList to split text lowerStr with delimiter ","
print lowerList
print in lowerList get first
print in lowerList get # 25
```

```
1 lowerStr = 'a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h,i,j,k,l,m,n,o,p,q,r,s,t,u,v,w,x,y,z'
2 lowerList = lowerStr.split(',')
3 print(lowerList)
4 print(lowerList[0])
5 print(lowerList[25])
6
```



Stage 3- Choosing a random letter

To pick a random item from a list of 26 items we need to choose a random index between 0 and 25. In general, to pick a random item from a list we need to choose a random index between 0 and the length minus 1.

Tasks

- Import the 'random' module. This should go at the top of your program.
- Create a function called 'getRndItem'. This function should take one parameter called 'myList'. This function will return a random item from whatever list you pass in to it.
- Inside the function, create a variable called 'index' and use 'random.randint' to assign it a random value between 0 and the length of 'myList' minus one.
- Make the function return the item at that index in myList.
- Check it works. At the end of your program, print(getRndItem(lowerList)) and run your program a few times. Check that it prints random letters.

Solution

```

1 import random
2
3 def getRndItem(myList):
4     index = random.randint(0, len(myList)-1)
5     return myList[index]
6
7
8
9
10 lowerStr = 'a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h,i,j,k,l,m,n,o,p,q,r,s,t,u,v,w,x,y,z'
11 lowerList = lowerStr.split(',')
12 print(lowerList)
13 print(getRndItem(lowerList))
14
  
```



Stage 4- Adding symbols - debug

Someone has been trying to get a random symbol from a string of symbols, but it's not working. Try to run the code. It doesn't work at the moment, it just outputs all five symbols all the time. Let's fix it.

Tasks

- There is something wrong with the definition of 'symbolsStr'. Fix this first. Hint - the string is split using comma as the delimiter.
- There are five symbols, so we can pick from 0 to 4. At the moment if you keep running the program it will eventually fail with an error 'list index out of range'. Why? Fix this by making sure it selects an index between 0 and 4.
- Run your program a few times and check the 'index' variable is always between 0 and 4 and that it prints random symbols.

Solution

```

1 import random
2
3 symbolsStr = '@,%?,$,_'
4 symbolsList = symbolsStr.split(',')
5 print(symbolsList)
6 index = random.randint(0, len(symbolsList)-1)
7 print(symbolsList[index])
8
  
```



Let's add symbols to our program and use our function to get a random symbol.

Tasks

- At the top of your program, after defining 'lowerStr', define another string called 'symbolsStr' and assign it the value "@,%?,\$,_". Make a list called 'symbolsList', split 'symbolsStr' using comma as the delimiter and assign it to 'symbolsList'.
- Use your function 'getRndItem' to print a random symbol. Check that each time you run the program you get a random symbol.

Solution

```

1 def getRndItem(myList):
2     index = random.randint(0, len(myList) - 1)
3     return myList[index]
4
5
6 import random
7
8 lowerStr = 'a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h,i,j,k,l,m,n,o,p,q,r,s,t,u,v,w,x,y,z'
9 symbolsString = '@,%?,$,_'
10 lowerList = lowerStr.split(',')
11 symbolsList = symbolsString.split(',')
12 print(getRndItem(lowerList))
13 print(getRndItem(symbolsList))
14

```



Let's make a 4 digit random password, consisting of two lowercase letters followed by two symbols.

Tasks

- Make a function called 'getPwd'. It should take no input parameters.
- Inside, create a variable called 'password'. Use the '+' operator to join together two random letters followed by two random symbols. Return 'password'.
- At the bottom of your program print(getPwd()) and check that it prints a random four-character password. Run it a few times to check.

Solutions on following page...

Solution

```

import random

def getRndItem with params: myList
  set index to random integer from 0 to length of myList - 1
  return myList.get(index)

def getPwd
  set password to getRndItem with params: myList lowerList +
  getRndItem with params: myList lowerList +
  getRndItem with params: myList symbolsList +
  getRndItem with params: myList symbolsList
  return password

set lowerStr to "a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h,i,j,k,l,m,n,o,p,q,r,s,t,u,v,w,x,y,z"
set symbolsStr to "@,%?,$,_ "
set lowerList to split text lowerStr with delimiter ","
set symbolsList to split text symbolsStr with delimiter ","
print getPwd

```

```

1 import random
2
3 def getRndItem(myList):
4     index = random.randint(0, len(myList) - 1)
5     return myList[index]
6
7 def getPwd():
8     password = ((getRndItem(lowerList) + getRndItem(lowerList)) + getRndItem(symbolsList)) + getRndItem(symbolsList)
9     return password
10
11
12 lowerStr = 'a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h,i,j,k,l,m,n,o,p,q,r,s,t,u,v,w,x,y,z'
13 symbolsStr = '@,%?,$,_ '
14 lowerList = lowerStr.split(',')
15 symbolsList = symbolsStr.split(',')
16 print(getPwd())
17
18

```

 Challenge

Try out the following challenges.

Suggestions

- Create a counter that stores how many times the password has been checked so far. Display it on the screen.
- Change the code so that it creates passwords which also contain some random numbers or uppercase letters, or both. These will be even harder to break.
- Make a new function that will output a list of 'n' random passwords (where 'n' is a number you pass into the function).
- Make a new function into which you can pass four numbers n_low, n_upp, n_sym, n_dig. Your function should create a random password consisting of 'n_low' lowercase letters, 'n_upp' uppercase letters, 'n_sym' symbols and 'n_dig' digits 0-9.
- Add a 'Start' button to the stage. The password hacking should start when you click the button. Add a 'Stop' button to stop the hacking.

Lesson 4 – Binary and Decimal

Stage 1- Recap – decimals and 'int'

So far all the numbers we have used have been in 'base 10'. Numbers in base 10 are also called 'decimal' or 'denary' numbers. The place values are the powers of 10. Reading right to left they are 1, 10, 100, 1000... Each one is allowed to hold a digit from 0 to 9.

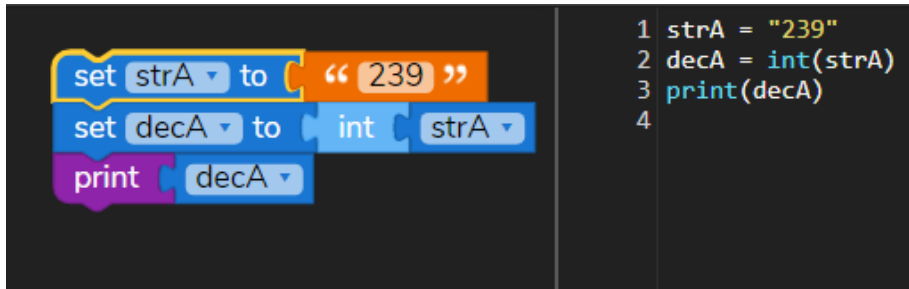
Reading from right to left, we can work out what 239 means. It means 9 lots of 1, 3 lots of 10 and 2 lots of 100.

The 'int' function converts from a string to a decimal number using base 10

Tasks

- 'strA' is a string. Convert it to a number called 'decA' and print 'decA'. Use the 'int' function.

Solution



The image shows a Scratch script on the left and its corresponding Python code on the right. The Scratch script consists of three blocks: 'set strA to "239"', 'set decA to int(strA)', and 'print decA'. The Python code is:

```
1 strA = "239"
2 decA = int(strA)
3 print(decA)
4
```

Stage 2- What is a binary number?

Numbers do not have to be represented in base 10. Computer hardware stores numbers in base 2 (binary). The place values are the powers of 2 and each is allowed to hold a digit 0 or 1. For example, the number 100111 should be thought of like this:

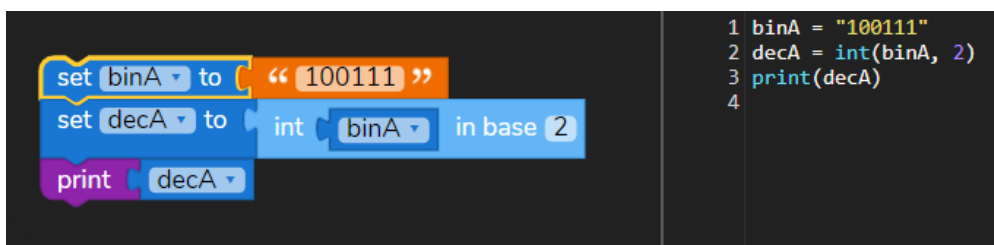
Reading from right to left, it consists of 1 lot of 1, 1 lot of 2, 1 lot of 4, 0 lots of 8, 0 lots of 16 and 1 lot of 32. Add them up and you get 39. This is the decimal value of the binary string "100111".

In Python you can use the 'int' function with an extra parameter at the end to indicate what base to use.

Tasks

- 'binA' is a binary string. Convert it to a decimal called 'decA'. Use the 'int in base 2' block or the 'int(binA, 2)' function. Print 'decA'.

Solution



The image shows a Scratch script on the left and its corresponding Python code on the right. The Scratch script consists of three blocks: 'set binA to "100111"', 'set decA to int(binA) in base 2', and 'print decA'. The Python code is:

```
1 binA = "100111"
2 decA = int(binA, 2)
3 print(decA)
4
```



If we have a list of binary numbers, we can loop through the list and convert each one to a decimal.

Then we can return a new list containing the decimal numbers.

Tasks

- Make a function called 'decodeSignal'. It should take one parameter, called 'binSignal'. This will be a list of binary strings.
- Inside the function make an empty list called 'decodedList'.
- Use a 'for binStr in binSignal' loop to loop through each of the strings in the list 'binSignal'.
- Inside the loop, convert 'binStr' to a decimal number called 'dec' using the 'int' function in base 2.
- Append each decimal number to 'decodedList'
- At the end of your function, return 'decodedList'.
- Test your function by printing 'decodeSignal(signalA)' - check that it prints a list of decimal numbers'

Solution

```

from time import sleep

def decodeSignal(binSignal):
    decodedList = []
    for binStr in binSignal:
        decodedList.append(int(binStr, 2))
    return decodedList

signalA = ["0101010", "1010101", "1110100", "1010111", "0001001"]
signalB = ["0100101", "0010010", "1001010", "0011101", "1111110"]
signalC = ["0000001", "0000100", "0001001", "0010000", "0011001"]

print(decodeSignal(signalA))

```

```

1 from time import sleep
2
3 def decodeSignal(binSignal):
4     decodedList = []
5     for binStr in binSignal:
6         decodedList.append(int(binStr,2))
7     return decodedList
8
9
10
11 signalA = ["0101010", "1010101", "1110100", "1010111", "0001001"]
12 signalB = ["0100101", "0010010", "1001010", "0011101", "1111110"]
13 signalC = ["0000001", "0000100", "0001001", "0010000", "0011001"]
14
15 print(decodeSignal(signalA))

```



In 1974 a binary message called the ‘Arecibo message’ was sent from Earth towards a star cluster 21000 light years away, in an attempt to communicate with extra-terrestrials. It consisted of 0’s and 1’s which generate a picture of certain numbers, scientific formulae as well as a picture of a human and the Solar System.

What if they replied? They might reply with another number sequence to let us know they are intelligent. But space is full of random radio signals from all kinds of interstellar objects.

Tasks

- In design mode, find the three interstellar objects called ‘objectA’, ‘objectB’ and ‘objectC’. Use ‘objectA.say(signalA, 10)’ to make objectA say signalA, and similar for objectB and objectC.
- Make a function called ‘onClick’. This function needs no parameters.
- Inside, create a variable ‘decodedA = decodeSignal(signalA)’ and similar for signalB and signalC.
- Use the ‘.say’ method to make each object show the decoded versions of each signal.
- Add a ‘when click’ listener to the button called ‘decodeButton’. When the user clicks the button it should execute the function ‘onClick’. To do this you can use the ‘When click on’ block or write ‘pip.eventmanager.when_click(decodeButton, onClick)’.
- Run your program. Two of the number sequences look random, but one doesn’t and could be from intelligent life - which one is it?

Solution

```

from time import sleep

def decodeSignal with params: binSignal
  set decodedList to create empty list
  for each item binStr in binSignal
  do
    in decodedList insert at last as int binStr in base 2
  return decodedList

def onClick
  set decodedA to decodeSignal with params: binSignal signalA
  set decodedB to decodeSignal with params: binSignal signalB
  set decodedC to decodeSignal with params: binSignal signalC
  objectA say: decodedA for 10 secs
  objectB say: decodedB for 10 secs
  objectC say: decodedC for 10 secs

set signalA to create list with
  "0101010"
  "1010101"
  "1110100"
  "1010111"
  "0001001"

set signalB to create list with
  "0100101"
  "0010010"
  "1001010"
  "0011101"
  "1111110"

set signalC to create list with
  "0000001"
  "0000100"
  "0001001"
  "0010000"
  "0011001"

objectA say: signalA for 10 secs
objectB say: signalB for 10 secs
objectC say: signalC for 10 secs

When click on decodeButton click execute the function onClick
  
```

Solutions continued on following page...

```

1 def decodeSignal(binSignal):
2     decodedList = []
3     for binStr in binSignal:
4         decodedList.append(int(binStr, 2))
5     return decodedList
6
7 def onClick():
8     decodedA = decodeSignal(signalA)
9     decodedB = decodeSignal(signalB)
10    decodedC = decodeSignal(signalC)
11    objectA.say(decodedA,10)
12    objectB.say(decodedB,10)
13    objectC.say(decodedC,10)
14
15
16 from time import sleep
17
18 signalA = ["0101010", "1010101", "1110100", "1010111", "0001001"]
19 signalB = ["0100101", "0010010", "1001010", "0011101", "1111110"]
20 signalC = ["0000001", "0000100", "0001001", "0010000", "0011001"]
21 objectA.say(signalA,10)
22 objectB.say(signalB,10)
23 objectC.say(signalC,10)
24 pip.eventmanager.when_click(decodeButton,onClick)
25

```

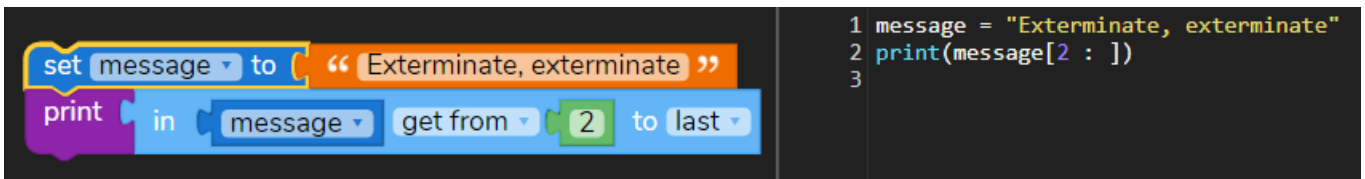
Stage5- Substrings

To access a character in a string you can use square brackets. The index you use starts at zero. For example the first letter 'k' in the string "Take me to your leader" is at index 2. To access all of the characters from index 2 onwards you can use 'string slicing':

Tasks

- Print the string "terminate, exterminate" using string slicing. What is the correct index?

Solution



The image shows a Scratch code editor on the left and a Python code editor on the right. In Scratch, a 'set message to' block is set to 'Exterminate, exterminate', and a 'print' block is configured to 'in message', 'get from 2', and 'to last'. The Python code on the right is:

```

1 message = "Exterminate, exterminate"
2 print(message[2 : ])
3

```

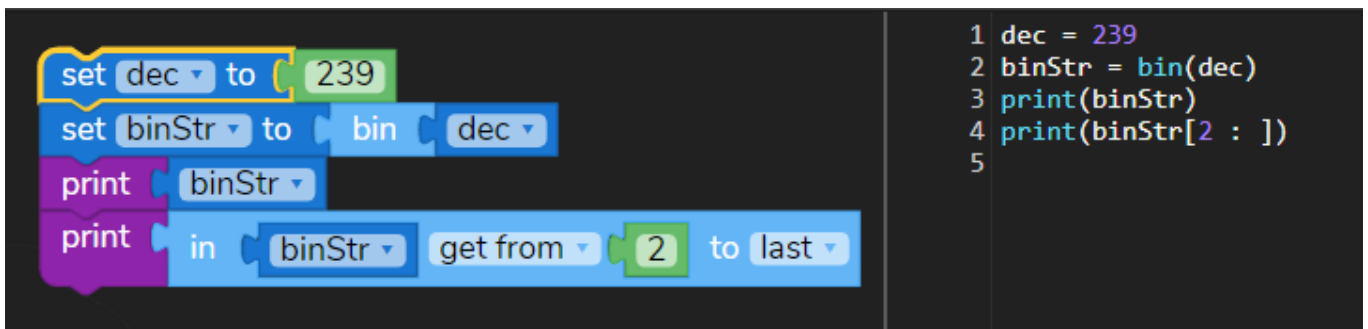



There is a function called 'bin' in Python to convert from decimal to a binary string. Python always puts the two characters '0b' at the front to tell you that it is in binary. We can remove them using string slicing to get the string that we want, containing just 0's and 1's

Tasks

- Use the 'bin' function to convert 'dec' to a string called 'binStr'. Print the value of 'binStr'. Check that you see the '0b' characters at the start
- Use string slicing to print 'binStr' without the '0b' characters.

Solution



```
1 dec = 239
2 binStr = bin(dec)
3 print(binStr)
4 print(binStr[2 : ])
5
```



We can use the 'bin' function to make a function that encodes a signal to be sent back to the aliens.

Tasks

- Make a function called encodeSignal. It should take one parameter called 'decSignal'
- Inside, create an empty list called 'encodedList'
- Use a 'for dec in decSignal' loop to loop through each of the decimal numbers in the list 'decSignal'.
- Inside the loop, convert 'dec' to a binary string without the '0b' characters. Use the 'bin' function and string slicing.
- Append each string to 'encodedList'
- At the end of your function, return 'encodedList'.
- Test your function by sending a reply from Earth to the alien galaxy. What number pattern did the aliens use? At the end of the 'onClick' function, add a 'sleep(5)' command. Make a list that contains the next five numbers in the sequence, encode it in binary using the 'encodeSignal' function and make 'earth' say it.

Solutions on following page...

```

from time import sleep

def decodeSignal with params: binSignal
  set decodedList to create empty list
  for each item binStr in binSignal
  do
    in decodedList insert at last as int binStr in base 2
  return decodedList

def encodeSignal with params: decSignal
  set encodedList to create empty list
  for each item dec in decSignal
  do
    set dec to bin dec
    set dec to in dec get from 2 to last
    in encodedList insert at last as dec
  return encodedList

def onClick
  set decodedA to decodeSignal with params: binSignal signalA
  set decodedB to decodeSignal with params: binSignal signalB
  set decodedC to decodeSignal with params: binSignal signalC
  objectA say: decodedA for 10 secs
  objectB say: decodedB for 10 secs
  objectC say: decodedC for 10 secs
  sleep for seconds: 5
  set earthReply to create list with 36, 49, 64, 81, 100
  earth say: encodeSignal with params: decSignal earthReply for 10 secs

set signalA to create list with "0101010", "1010101", "1110100", "1010111", "0001001"
set signalB to create list with "0100101", "0010010", "1001010", "0011101", "1111110"
set signalC to create list with "0000001", "0000100", "0001001", "0010000", "0011001"

When click on decodeButton execute the function onClick
  
```

```

1 from time import sleep
2 def decodeSignal(binSignal):
3     decodedList = []
4     for binStr in binSignal:
5         decodedList.append(int(binStr, 2))
6     return decodedList
7
8 def onClick():
9     decodedA = decodeSignal(signalA)
10    decodedB = decodeSignal(signalB)
11    decodedC = decodeSignal(signalC)
12    objectA.say(decodedA, 10)
13    objectB.say(decodedB, 10)
14    objectC.say(decodedC, 10)
15    sleep(5)
16    earthReply = [36, 49, 64, 81, 100]
17    earth.say(encodeSignal(earthReply), 10)
18
19 def encodeSignal(decSignal):
20     encodedList = []
21     for dec in decSignal:
22         dec = bin(dec)
23         dec = dec[2:]
24         encodedList.append(dec)
25     return encodedList
26
27
28 signalA = ["0101010", "1010101", "1110100", "1010111", "0001001"]
29 signalB = ["0100101", "0010010", "1001010", "0011101", "1111110"]
30 signalC = ["0000001", "0000100", "0001001", "0010000", "0011001"]
31 objectA.say(signalA, 10)
32 objectB.say(signalB, 10)
33 objectC.say(signalC, 10)
34 pip.eventmanager.when_click(decodeButton, onClick)
35
  
```



Try out the following challenges.

Suggestions

- Make it so that the user can enter their own sequence of numbers to be sent to the aliens.
- Do some internet research and find the Arecibo message. Try and write it as a long list of 1's and 0's, separated by commas. It starts off: ["00000010101010000000000", "00101000001010000000100"...]
- See if you can encode it as a sequence of decimal numbers.

Lesson 5 – Morse code

Stage 1- String split and join

If you have a string, you can split it by specifying a 'delimiter' and you will get a list containing the individual items. The reverse process is called 'join'. Given a delimiter and a list, the join method will join the items together.

"&".join(["Andy", "Bala", "Chris", "Denise"])

Notice that you do not write `list.join(delimiter)`, you write `delimiter.join(list)`. This is because 'join' is a method of the String class, not the List class

Tasks

- Use 'split' to split 'encoded_string' into a list called 'encoded_list' using space as the delimiter. Print the list.
- Use 'join' to join 'encoded_list' into a string called 'encoded_string2'. Use space as the delimiter. Print it and check that you get back the original string.

Solution



```
set encoded_string to " ... --- ... --- "
set encoded_list to split text encoded_string with delimiter " "
print encoded_list
set encoded_string2 to join list encoded_list with delimiter " "
print encoded_string2
```

```
1 encoded_string = "... --- ... ---"
2 encoded_list = encoded_string.split(" ")
3 print(encoded_list)
4 encoded_string2 = " ".join(encoded_list)
5 print(encoded_string2)
```

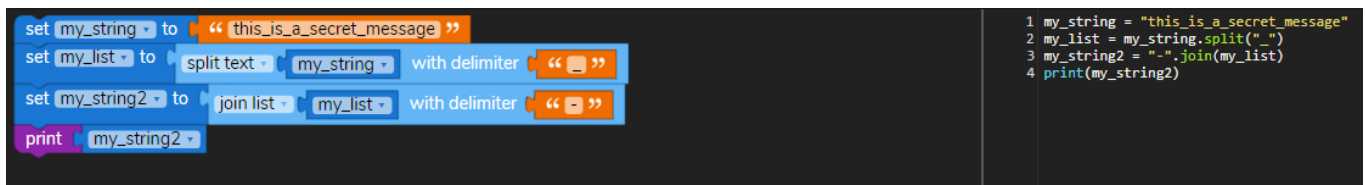
Stage 2- Split and join - debug

Someone wants to split the string "this_is_a_secret_message" using underscore (_) as the delimiter and then join the list together with dashes (-). Their program doesn't work, see if you can fix it.

Tasks

- Fix the code. It should print "this-is-a-secret-message". Remember the syntax is 'delimiter.join(list)'.

Solution



```
set my_string to "this_is_a_secret_message"
set my_list to split text my_string with delimiter "_"
set my_string2 to join list my_list with delimiter "-"
print my_string2
```

```
1 my_string = "this_is_a_secret_message"
2 my_list = my_string.split("_")
3 my_string2 = "-".join(my_list)
4 print(my_string2)
```



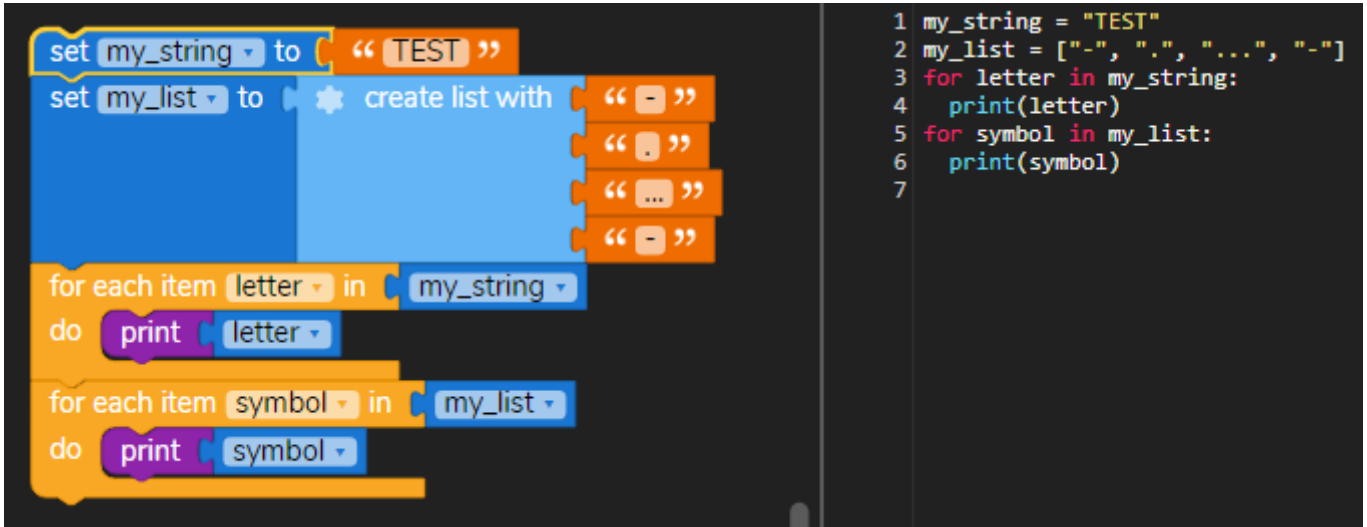
Stage 3- 'for-in' loops

In Python you can use a 'for-in' loop to go through each letter in a string, or each item in a list. The code is the same.

Tasks

- Use a 'for letter in my_string' loop to print each letter in the string.
- Use a 'for symbol in my_list' loop to print each symbol in the list.

Solution



The image shows a Scratch script on the left and its corresponding Python code on the right. The Scratch script sets 'my_string' to 'TEST' and 'my_list' to a list containing '-', '.', '...', and '-'. It then uses two 'for each item' loops to print each element. The Python code on the right replicates this logic, defining the string and list, and using 'for' loops with 'print' statements to output each item.



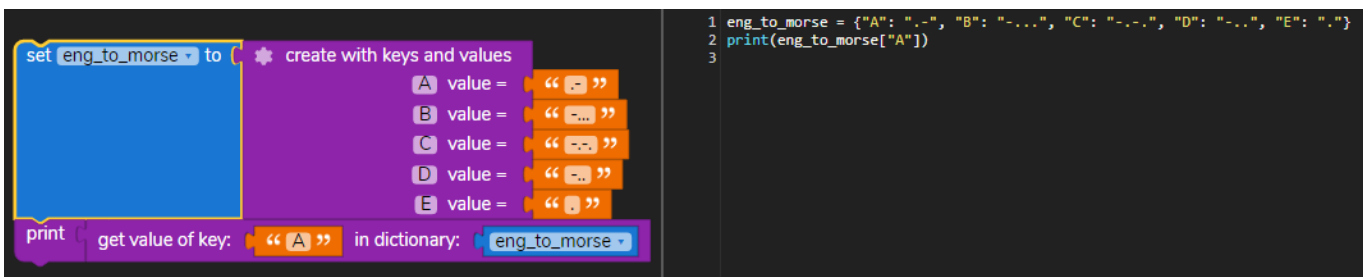
Stage 4- Dictionaries

We will also need to find a way to get the Morse code symbol for a letter. To do this we need to use a 'dictionary'. Here is a dictionary, it stores some letters and their Morse equivalents: The English letters are called the 'keys' of the dictionary and the Morse versions are called the 'values'. You can access a value using square brackets: `eng_to_morse["C"]`

Tasks

- Print "A" in Morse code.

Solution



The image shows a Scratch script on the left and its corresponding Python code on the right. The Scratch script creates a dictionary 'eng_to_morse' with keys A, B, C, D, E and their Morse values. It then prints the value for key 'A'. The Python code on the right defines the dictionary and prints the value for the key 'A'.



Stage 5- Looping through a dictionary

You can use a for-in loop to loop through a dictionary as well.

It will give you the keys of the dictionary (in our example this is the English letters)

Tasks

- Use 'for key in eng_to_morse' to loop over the dictionary keys.
- Inside your loop, make a variable called 'value' which should be set to 'eng_to_morse[key]'.
- Use 'print(key, value)' to print the items one by one. Check that this prints the letters and their Morse equivalents.

Solution



Stage 6- Reversing a dictionary

What if I give you '-..' and I want to look up the corresponding English letter?

Tasks

- At the top of your program make an empty dictionary called 'morse_to_eng'. You can write 'morse_to_eng = {}' to do this.
- Inside your for loop, set 'morse_to_eng[value] = key'. Notice how key and value are reversed here.
- At the end of your program, print 'morse_to_eng["-.."]' and check it gives you "D"

Solution



Stage 7- Encoding a message

We're finally ready to encode a message. Our algorithm will need to:

- Make an empty string for the encoded message.
- Loop through each letter of the message and find its encoded version.
- Append them to the string

Tasks

- Make an empty string ("") called 'encoded_msg'.
- Loop through 'orig_msg' using a 'for letter in orig_msg' loop.
- For each letter, find the encoded version from the dictionary and append it to the end of 'encoded_msg' using ' + '. You can write 'encoded_msg = encoded_msg +'
- Run your code and look in the debug panel (bottom-right). You should see that 'encoded_msg' contains the encoded combinations of dots and dashes without any spaces between. We'll fix that next.

Solution

```

1 eng_to_morse = {"A": ".-.", "B": "-...", "C": "-.-.", "D": "-..", "E": ".", "F": "..-.", "G": "...", "H": "....",
2 orig_msg = "SECRET"
3 encoded_msg = ""
4 for letter in orig_msg:
5     encoded_msg = encoded_msg + eng_to_morse[letter]
6 print(encoded_msg)
  
```



Stage 8- Encoding with spaces

Our encoded message isn't correct. Messages in Morse code need a space between each letter - in reality, this would correspond to a short pause in the transmission. There are many different ways of doing this, the neatest way is to put the items in a list and then 'join' the elements of the list together using a space.

Tasks

- Delete the code that creates the empty string 'encoded_msg'. Replace it with an empty list, 'encoded_msg_list = []'
- Instead of using + to append to the string, use the list '.append' method to append each Morse symbol to the list.
- At the end of your program, make a new variable called 'encoded_msg' which is equal to 'encoded_msg_list', joined together by spaces. Use the 'join' method.
- Check that the debug panel contains the correct value for 'encoded_msg'.

Solution

```

1 eng_to_morse = {"A": ".-.", "B": "-...", "C": "-.-.", "D": "-..", "E": ".", "F": "..-.", "G": "...", "H": "....",
2 orig_msg = "SECRET"
3
4 encoded_msg_list = []
5 for letter in orig_msg:
6     encoded_msg_list.append(eng_to_morse[letter])
7
8 encoded_msg = " ".join(encoded_msg_list)
9 print(encoded_msg)
  
```



Before we work on decoding it will be nice to place our 'encode' algorithm inside a function. Then we can make another function to decode.

Tasks

- Define a function called 'encode'. It should take one parameter called 'orig_msg'
- Delete the line of code 'orig_msg = "SECRET"': You will be able to pass any string into your function.
- Test your code by adding the line 'print(encode("SECRET"))'. It should print the correct encoded string, "... . -.-. .-. .-'".
- Move all your code into the function (apart from the definition of 'eng_to_morse'). At the end of your function, return the variable 'encoded_msg'.

Solution

```

1 def encode(orig_msg):
2   encoded_msg_list = []
3   for letter in orig_msg:
4     encoded_msg_list.append(eng_to_morse[letter])
5   encoded_msg = " ".join(encoded_msg_list)
6   return encoded_msg
7
8
9 eng_to_morse = {"A": ".-.", "B": "-...", "C": "-.-.", "D": "-..", "E": ".", "F": "..-.", "G": "...", "H": "....",
10               "I": "..", "J": ".-.-.", "K": "-.-", "L": ".-..", "M": "--", "N": "-.", "O": "---", "P": ".-.-.", "Q": "--.-",
11               "R": ".-.", "S": "...", "T": "-.", "U": "..-", "V": "...-", "W": ".--", "X": "-.-.", "Y": "-.-.", "Z": "--.."}
12
13 print(encode("SECRET"))
14

```



Decoding is harder. We need to split the Morse string using a space in order to get the individual symbols, and we need to be able to look up the English letter given a Morse symbol. One thing is easier - at the end we don't need to join up the letters using a space because English doesn't need spaces between letters.

Tasks

- Make the reversed dictionary. Define an empty dictionary called 'morse_to_eng'. Loop through 'eng_to_morse', set 'value = eng_to_morse[key]' and set 'morse_to_eng[value] = key'.
- Define a new function called 'decode'. It should take one parameter called 'encoded_msg'. Inside, create an empty string called 'decoded_msg'
- Use the 'split' function to split 'encoded_msg' using space as the delimiter. Store the result as 'encoded_msg_list'.
- Use a 'for symbol in encoded_msg_list' loop to go through the symbols one by one.
- Inside the loop, get the correct English letter in the reversed dictionary and append it to 'decoded_msg'. Finally, return 'decoded_msg'
- Test your code by adding the line 'print(decode("... . -.-. .-. .-'"))'. It should print the word 'SECRET'

Solutions on following page...

Solution

The image shows a Scratch-style code editor with two main functions: `encode` and `decode`. The `encode` function takes `orig_msg` as input, creates an empty list `encoded_msg_list`, and iterates over each letter in `orig_msg`. For each letter, it looks up the corresponding Morse code in the `eng_to_morse` dictionary and appends it to the list. Finally, it joins the list with spaces to form the encoded message. The `decode` function takes `encoded_msg` as input, splits it by spaces into a list, and iterates over each Morse code. It looks up the corresponding letter in the `morse_to_eng` dictionary and appends it to the decoded message. A dictionary on the right lists Morse codes for letters S through Z. The code concludes with two print statements: `print(encode("SECRET"))` and `print(decode("... ..-.-. .-. .-"))`.

```

1 def encode(orig_msg):
2     encoded_msg_list = []
3     for letter in orig_msg:
4         encoded_msg_list.append(eng_to_morse[letter])
5     encoded_msg = " ".join(encoded_msg_list)
6     return encoded_msg
7
8 def decode(encoded_msg):
9     decoded_msg = ""
10    encoded_msg_list = encoded_msg.split(" ")
11    for letter in encoded_msg_list:
12        decoded_msg = decoded_msg + morse_to_eng[letter]
13    return decoded_msg
14
15
16 eng_to_morse = {"A": ".-.", "B": "-...-", "C": "-.-.-", "D": "-.-."}
17 morse_to_eng = {}
18 for key in eng_to_morse:
19     value = eng_to_morse[key]
20     morse_to_eng[value] = key
21 print(encode("SECRET"))
22 print(decode("... ..-.-. .-. .-"))
23

```

Challenges

Try out the following challenges.

Tasks

- Make a new function called 'playMorse'. It should take one parameter called 'morse_string' which will be a string.
- Inside the function, loop through each character of the string. If it is a dot, play the sound 'sfx/dot.mp3' and sleep for a quarter of a second
- If it is a dash play the sound 'sfx/dash.mp3' and sleep for half second
- If it is a space sleep for a second. Test your code by encoding another word and playing the sounds.
- Go into design mode and find the lantern. For a dot character, show the lantern for a quarter of a second
- For a dash, show the lantern for a second.
- So far we have only dealt with single words. To deal with a sentence you need to encode spaces as slash (/). You will need to edit the dictionary as well as change some of the logic in the encode and decode functions.

Lesson 6 – Linear Search

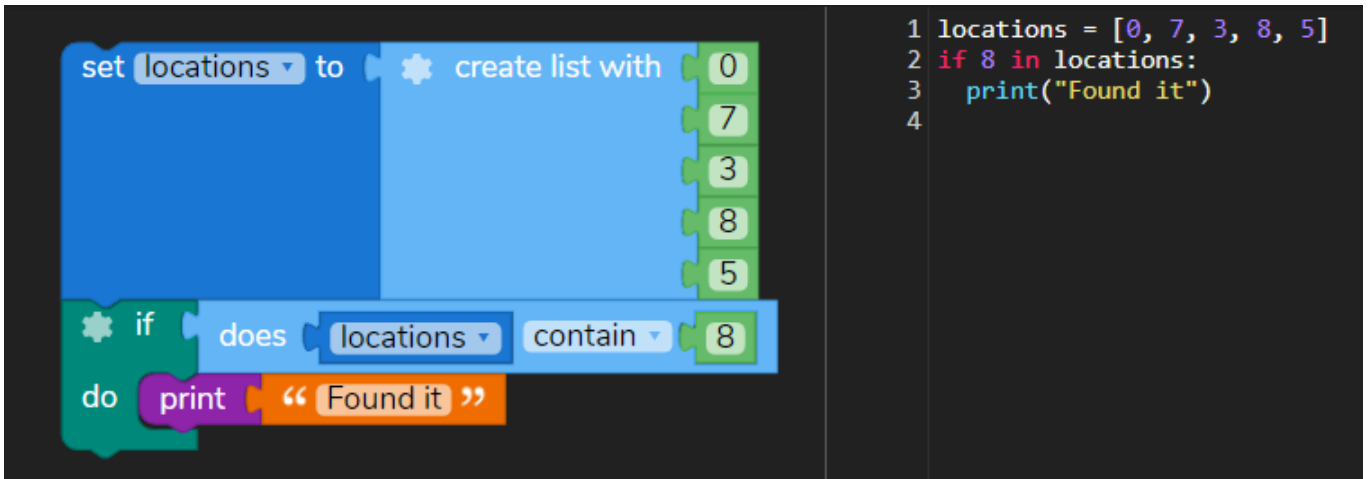
Stage 1- Using 'in'

Python has a simple and powerful way to search lists. The 'in' operator will tell us if a list contains a given item. It returns True or False.

Tasks

- If the number 8 is in the list print "Found it". Use the 'in' keyword and an 'if' statement.

Solution



The Scratch code shows a 'set locations to' block containing a 'create list with' block with values 0, 7, 3, 8, 5. Below it is an 'if' block: 'if locations contains 8' with a 'do print "Found it"' block.

```
1 locations = [0, 7, 3, 8, 5]
2 if 8 in locations:
3     print("Found it")
4
```

Stage 2- The 'index' method

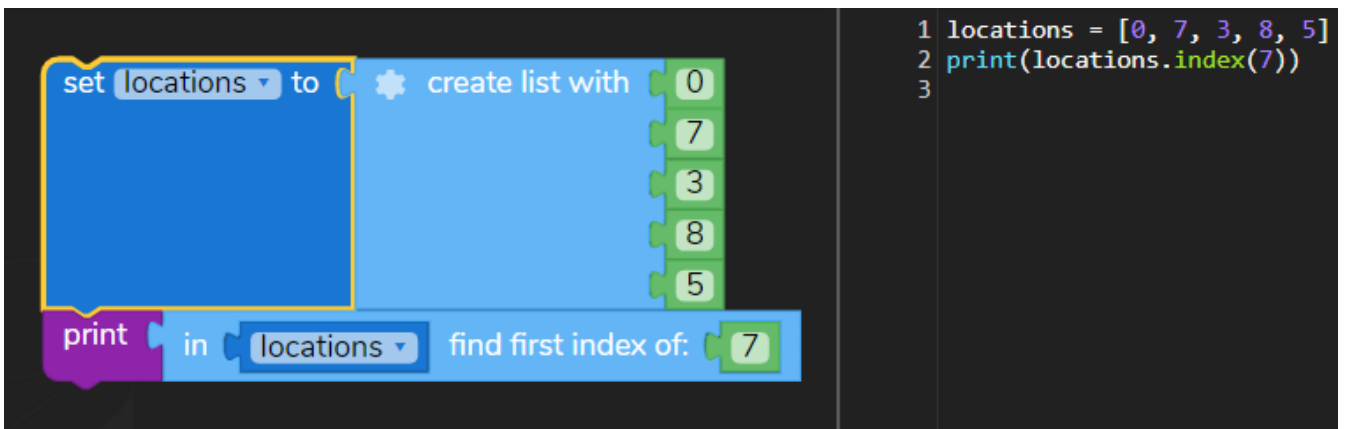
But what if we want to know the position of an item as well? In this case, the 'in' keyword doesn't really help us.

Python lists have a method called 'index' that will tell us the index of the first matching item. Remember that in a list, the index starts from zero.

Tasks

- Print the index of the number 7 in the list. Use the 'index' keyword.

Solution



The Scratch code shows a 'set locations to' block containing a 'create list with' block with values 0, 7, 3, 8, 5. Below it is a 'print in locations find first index of: 7' block.

```
1 locations = [0, 7, 3, 8, 5]
2 print(locations.index(7))
3
```



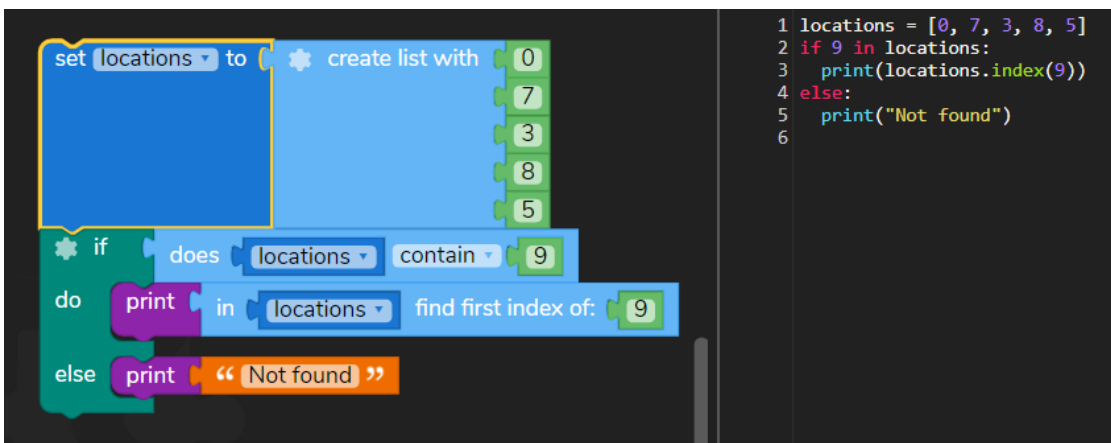
Stage 3- Missing items

If a list doesn't contain a specific item then the 'index' method will give an error. It is best to first check if the item is there and only then find its index.

Tasks

- Run the code and check that it gives an error. This is because 9 is not in the list. Add an 'if' statement to fix the code. Use 'in' to check if the 9 is in the list and only then get the index.
- Add a corresponding 'else' statement which prints "Not found". Run your code and check that it prints 'Not found' for the item 9.

Solution



The image shows a Scratch script on the left and its corresponding Python code on the right. The Scratch script starts with a 'set locations to' block containing a 'create list with' block with values 0, 7, 3, 8, 5. Below this is an 'if' block: 'if does locations contain 9', with a 'do' block 'print in locations find first index of: 9' and an 'else' block 'print "Not found"'. The Python code on the right is:

```

1 locations = [0, 7, 3, 8, 5]
2 if 9 in locations:
3     print(locations.index(9))
4 else:
5     print("Not found")
6

```



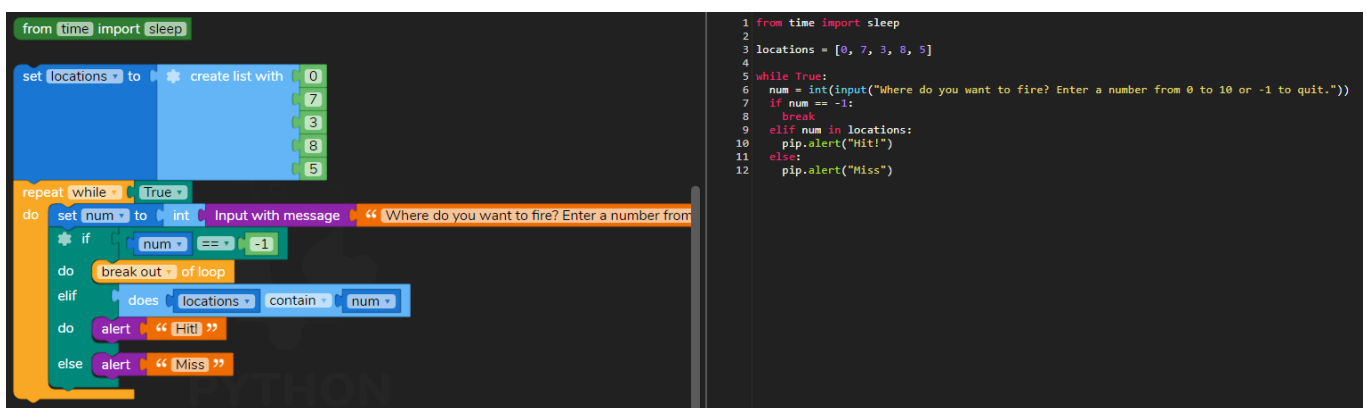
Stage 4- Alien attack

In the next few stages we will make a game using a list. Aliens are attacking and the locations of their spaceships are stored in a list called 'locations'.

Tasks

- Add a 'while True' loop. Inside, add an 'input' statement to ask the user "Where do you want to fire? Enter a number from 0 to 10, or -1 to quit". Save their response in a variable called 'num'. Convert it to a number using the 'int' function.
- Add an 'if' statement and check if 'num' is -1. If so break out of the loop using a 'break' statement.
- Else, check if 'num' is in the list using the 'in' keyword.
- If it is, alert "Hit". Else alert "Miss". Use pip.alert.
- Test that it works by choosing number '5'. Enter -1 to quit when you are ready.

Solution



The image shows a Scratch script on the left and its corresponding Python code on the right. The Scratch script starts with 'from time import sleep'. Then 'set locations to' with 'create list with' [0, 7, 3, 8, 5]. A 'repeat while True' loop contains: 'set num to int input with message "Where do you want to fire? Enter a number from 0 to 10 or -1 to quit"', an 'if num == -1' block with 'break out of loop', an 'elif does locations contain num' block with 'do alert "Hit"', and an 'else alert "Miss"'. The Python code on the right is:

```

1 from time import sleep
2
3 locations = [0, 7, 3, 8, 5]
4
5 while True:
6     num = int(input("Where do you want to fire? Enter a number from 0 to 10 or -1 to quit. "))
7     if num == -1:
8         break
9     elif num in locations:
10        pip.alert("Hit!")
11    else:
12        pip.alert("Miss")

```



When you hit a ship we need to find the index and remove the ship at that index so you can't shoot it again.

Tasks

- After alerting "Hit", find the index of 'num' in the list and store it in a variable called 'hit_index'.
- Use the 'del' keyword to delete the item at index 'hit_index' in the list.
- Check if the length of the list is zero using the 'len' function and if so print "Well done" and break out of the loop.
- Test your game and check that it works by destroying the ships. They are at locations 0, 7, 3, 8 and 5.

Solution

```

1 from time import sleep
2
3 locations = [0, 7, 3, 8, 5]
4 while True:
5     num = int(input("Where do you want to fire? Enter a number from 0 to 10 or -1 to quit. "))
6     if num == -1:
7         break
8     elif num in locations:
9         pip.alert("Hit!")
10        hit_index = locations.index(num)
11        del locations[hit_index]
12        if len(locations) == 0:
13            pip.alert("Well done")
14            break
15        else:
16            pip.alert("Miss")
17
18
19

```



Another way to find the position of an item in a list is to use a 'linear search'. We'll make a function that checks the item at index 0, then index 1, then index 2, and so on. A good way to do this in Python is to use a 'range'.

If we find a match we'll return the index. We'll return -1 from our function to mean that the item wasn't found, this is a standard used in many programming languages.

Tasks

- Create a function called 'get_index' which takes one parameter called 'x'.
- Inside, write a 'for i in range' loop. Make sure that 'i' goes through each index of the list. You should specify the end of the range using the 'len' function.
- Inside the for loop, create a variable, 'item = locations[i]'. Use an 'if' statement to check if 'item' is equal to 'x'. If so, return the value of 'i'.
- At the end of your function return -1. This will happen if the item is never found.
- Test your function by printing 'get_index(117)' and 'get_index(4000)'. Check that it prints 2 and -1.

Solutions on following page...

The image shows a Scratch code editor with a Python script for a linear search function. The script is as follows:

```

1 def get_index(x):
2   for i in range(0, len(locations)):
3     item = locations[i]
4     if item == x:
5       return i
6   return -1
7
8
9 locations = [50, 91, 117, 7, 306, 448, 998, 578, 290, 612, 277]
10 print(get_index(117))
11 print(get_index(4000))
12

```

The Scratch interface shows the following blocks:

- Function Definition:** A 'def' block for 'get_index' with parameter 'x'. It contains a 'for' loop from 0 to 'length of locations'. Inside the loop, 'set item to' is followed by 'in locations get # i'. An 'if' block checks 'item == x', and if true, it returns 'i'. After the loop, it returns '-1'.
- List Creation:** A 'set locations to' block followed by a 'create list with' block containing the numbers: 50, 91, 117, 7, 306, 448, 998, 578, 290, 612, 277.
- Execution:** Two 'print' blocks. The first prints 'get_index with params: x 117' and the second prints 'get_index with params: x 4000'.



Stage 7- Applying a test

Sometimes we don't want to check if an item matches something, but instead we want to check if an item passes some kind of test. For example, if we have two sprites we could check if they are within 10 pixels of each other. This is something you can't do with 'index', but you can with a linear search.

First, notice that 'x' is within 10 pixels of 'y' if x is greater than $(y - 10)$ and less than $(y + 10)$.

Tasks

- Inside your function, change the line which checks if 'item' is equal to 'x'. Instead, check if 'x > item - 10 and x < item + 10'
- Is there a number close to 116 in the list? Which one? What about close to 4000? Test your function by printing `get_index(116)` and `get_index(4000)`. Check that it prints 2 and -1.

Solution on following page...

```

def get_index(x):
    for i in range(0, len(locations)):
        item = locations[i]
        if x > item - 10 and x < item + 10:
            return i
    return -1

locations = [50, 91, 117, 7, 306, 448, 998, 578, 290, 612, 277]
print(get_index(116))
print(get_index(4000))

```

Stage 8- Return of the aliens

The aliens are attacking again. This time we will add a visual aspect to the game. There are five ships, called 'ship0', 'ship1', 'ship2', 'ship3' and 'ship4'. They are stored in a list. We will fire lasers at them. We'll never get the position spot-on but we can check if we are close using a linear search.

First let's make the player move the launcher and fire.

Tasks

- Create a function called 'on_key_press' which takes one parameter called 'key'.
- Inside, check if 'key' is equal to 'Z'. If so, make the launcher move left. Else if it equals 'X', make it move right.
- Else if it equals 'F', set 'laser.x' equal to 'launcher.x', show the laser, and after a quarter of a second, hide it.
- Finally, make your program execute the function 'on_key_press' when any key is pressed. You can use the 'when key is pressed' block or the code 'pip.eventmanager.when_key(on_key_press)'.
- Test that your program works by moving left and right a few times.

Solutions on following page...

```

1 from time import sleep
2
3 ships = [ship0, ship1, ship2, ship3, ship4]
4
5
6 def on_key_press(key):
7     if key == 'Z':
8         launcher.left()
9     elif key == 'X':
10        launcher.right()
11    elif key == 'F':
12        laser.x = launcher.x
13        laser.show()
14        sleep(0.25)
15        laser.hide()
16
17
18 pip.eventmanager.when_key(on_key_press)
19

```

Stage 9- Return of the aliens 2

We need to check we are close to one of the ships. We'll use a function called 'get_index' which will tell us which index (if any) we are close to. Remember -1 means that we are not close to anything.

Tasks

- Create a new function called 'get_index' which takes one parameter called 'x'.
- Inside, add a 'for i in range' loop. Use the 'len' function to make sure that 'i' goes through each index of the list 'ships'.
- Set 'ship = ships[i]'. This will be the ship at index 'i'.
- Use an 'if' statement to check if 'ship.x' is close to 'x'. To do this you can write 'if x > ship.x - 10 and x < ship.x + 10'. If it is, return 'i'.
- At the end of your function return -1."
- Test your function by printing the value of get_index(121). It should print 0, since the x-coordinate of the first ship is 120.

Solution

```

def get_index with params: x
  for i in range from 0 to length of ships
  do
    set ship to in ships get # i
    if x > get ship x - 10 and x < get ship x + 10
    do
      return i
  return -1

```

Solution continued on following page...

The image shows a Scratch script on the left and its corresponding Python code on the right. The Scratch script uses a 'repeat while' loop with a 'True' condition. Inside the loop, it checks if the plane's x-coordinate is less than -150. If true, it sets the plane's x-coordinate to 1200. It then checks if the car's x-coordinate is greater than 1000. If true, it moves the car left. If the car's x-coordinate is less than 100, it moves the car right. The Python code on the right implements the same logic: it calls 'plane.left()' and 'car.right()' at the start, then enters a 'while True' loop. Inside the loop, it checks 'if plane.x < -150:' and sets 'plane.x = 1200'. It then checks 'if car.x > 1000:' and calls 'car.left()'. Finally, it checks 'elif car.x < 100:' and calls 'car.right()'.

```

1 def get_index(x):
2     for i in range(0, len(ships)):
3         ship = ships[i]
4         if x > ship.x - 10 and x < ship.x + 10:
5             return i
6     return -1
7
8 def on_key_press(key):
9     if key == "Z":
10        launcher.left()
11    elif key == "X":
12        launcher.right()
13    elif key == "F":
14        laser.x = launcher.x
15        laser.show()
16        sleep(0.25)
17        laser.hide()
18
19
20 from time import sleep
21
22 ships = [ship0, ship1, ship2, ship3, ship4]
23 pip.eventmanager.when_key(on_key_press)
24 print(get_index(121))
25
26

```

 Stage 10- Return of the aliens 3

Let's make the spaceship look like it has been hit. We need to position an explosion and then hide the ship.

Tasks

- At the end of the 'on_key_press' function, after hiding the laser, set 'hit_index' equal to 'get_index(laser.x)'. This will tell us the index of the ship we got close to with our laser.
- Use an 'if' statement to check if 'hit_index' is not -1. In that case we hit a ship. Make a variable called 'ship = ships[hit_index]'. This is the ship that we hit.
- Set 'explosion.x = ship.x' and 'explosion.y = ship.y', show the explosion, and after half a second hide it and also hide the ship."
- Test your game and check that it works.

Solution on following page...


```

def on_key_press with params: key
  if key == "Z"
  do
    launcher.left
  elif key == "X"
  do
    launcher.right
  elif key == "F"
  do
    laser.x set to get launcher.x
    laser.show
    sleep for seconds: 0.25
    laser.hide
    set hit_index to get_index with params: laser.x
    if hit_index != -1
    do
      set ship to in ships get # hit_index
      explosion.x set to get ship.x
      explosion.y set to get ship.y
      explosion.show
      sleep for seconds: 0.5
      ship.hide
      explosion.hide

```

```

1 def get_index(x):
2     for i in range(0, len(ships)):
3         ship = ships[i]
4         if x > ship.x - 10 and x < ship.x + 10:
5             return i
6     return -1
7
8 def on_key_press(key):
9     if key == "Z":
10        launcher.left()
11    elif key == "X":
12        launcher.right()
13    elif key == "F":
14        laser.x = launcher.x
15        laser.show()
16        sleep(0.25)
17        laser.hide()
18        hit_index = get_index(laser.x)
19        if hit_index != -1:
20            ship = ships[hit_index]
21            explosion.x = ship.x
22            explosion.y = ship.y
23            explosion.show()
24            sleep(0.5)
25            ship.hide()
26            explosion.hide()
27
28
29 from time import sleep
30
31 ships = [ship0, ship1, ship2, ship3, ship4]
32 pip.eventmanager.when_key(on_key_press)
33 print(get_index(121))
34

```

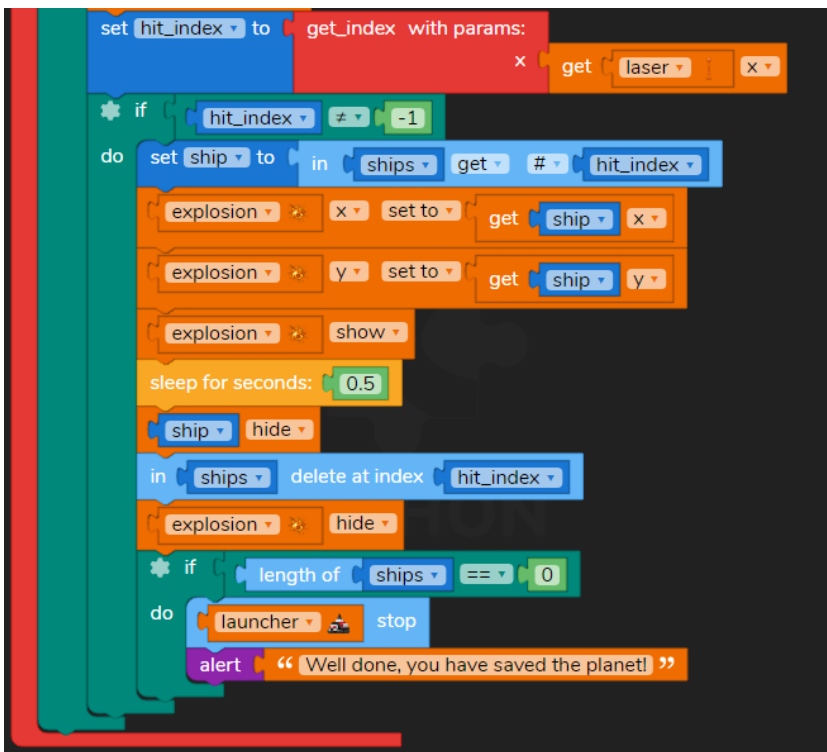


Now let's delete the ship from the list. We need to do this so you can't hit it again next time.

Tasks

- After hiding the ship, use the 'del' keyword to delete 'ships[hit_index]'.
- Check if the length of the list is zero using the 'len' function and if so, use pip.alert to say ("Well done") to the user, and then stop the launcher moving.
- Test your game and check that it works.

Solution



```

1 def on_key_press(key):
2     if key == "z":
3         launcher.left()
4     elif key == "x":
5         launcher.right()
6     elif key == "f":
7         laser.x = launcher.x
8         laser.show()
9         sleep(0.25)
10        laser.hide()
11        hit_index = get_index(laser.x)
12        if hit_index != -1:
13            ship = ships[hit_index]
14            explosion.x = ship.x
15            explosion.y = ship.y
16            explosion.show()
17            sleep(0.5)
18            ship.hide()
19            del ships[hit_index]
20            explosion.hide()
21            if len(ships) == 0:
22                launcher.stop()
23                pip.alert("Well done, you have saved the planet!")
24
25 def get_index(x):
26     for i in range(0, len(ships)):
27         ship = ships[i]
28         if x > ship.x - 10 and x < ship.x + 10:
29             return i
30     return -1
31
32
33 from time import sleep
34
35 ships = [ship0, ship1, ship2, ship3, ship4]
36 pip.eventmanager.when_key(on_key_press)
37 print(get_index(121))
38

```



Try out the following challenges.

Suggestions

- Add some sound effects. Play a sound when the laser fires, when a ship is hit and at the end of the game
- Make the enemy ships fall out of the sky when they are hit
- Add a textfield and show the player's score in it. Update the score each time they hit a ship.

Possible solution

```
1 def on_key_press(key):
2     global playing
3     if key == "Z":
4         launcher.left()
5     elif key == "X":
6         launcher.right()
7     elif key == "F":
8         laser.x = launcher.x
9         laser.show()
10        pip.play_sound("sfx/swoosh.mp3",1)
11        sleep(0.5)
12        laser.hide()
13        hit_index = get_index(laser.x)
14        if hit_index != -1:
15            ship = ships[hit_index]
16            pip.play_sound("sfx/explode.mp3",1)
17            explosion.x = ship.x
18            explosion.y = ship.y
19            explosion.show()
20            sleep(0.5)
21            ship.hide()
22            explosion.hide()
23            del ships[hit_index]
24            if len(ships) == 0:
25                launcher.stop()
26                pip.play_sound("game/success.mp3",1)
27                pip.alert("Well done, you have saved the planet!")
28                playing = False
29
30 def get_index(x):
31     for i in range(0, len(ships)):
32         ship = ships[i]
33         if x > ship.x - 30 and x < ship.x + 30:
34             return i
35     return -1
36
37 def alienInvasion():
38     invader1.show()
39     alien1.show()
40     sleep(2)
41     invader2.show()
42     alien2.show()
43     sleep(2)
44     invader3.show()
45     alien3.show()
46     sleep(2)
47     invader4.show()
48     alien5.show()
49     sleep(2)
50     invader5.show()
51     sleep(2)
52     invader6.show()
53     sleep(3)
54     alien5.show()
55
56 |
57 from time import sleep
58
59 playing = True
60 ships = [ship0, ship1, ship2, ship3, ship4]
61 movingShips = [ship0, ship1, ship2, ship3, ship4]
62 pip.eventmanager.when_key(on_key_press)
63 while playing:
64     for i in range(0, len(movingShips)):
65         ship = movingShips[i]
66         ship.x=ship.x + 40
67         sleep(0.2)
68     for i in range(0, len(movingShips)):
69         ship = movingShips[i]
70         ship.y=ship.y + 30
71         sleep(0.2)
72     for i in range(0, len(movingShips)):
73         ship = movingShips[i]
74         ship.x=ship.x - 30
75         sleep(0.2)
76     for i in range(0, len(movingShips)):
77         ship = movingShips[i]
78         ship.y=ship.y + 30
79     for i in range(0, len(movingShips)):
80         ship = movingShips[i]
81         if ship.y > 600:
82             for i in range(0, len(movingShips)):
83                 ship = movingShips[i]
84                 ship.stop()
85                 alienInvasion()
86
```