

Scratch Account Setup

Please get an adult's permission before going online and signing up for an account.

Overview

Scratch is a visual programming language that you can use to create games and other projects. Signing up for an account will allow you to easily save your projects and share them with the community.

Let's Get Started

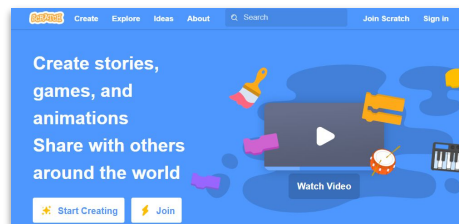
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Make sure you have a connection to the internet, then open a web browser and type **scratch.mit.edu** into the address bar.

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To begin creating a scratch account, click on either the **Join** or **Join Scratch** buttons on the homepage.



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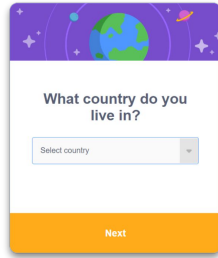
Create a **username** and **password**. Don't put any personal information like your name in the username. Use symbols, numbers, uppercase letters, and lowercase letters to increase the strength of your password.

A screenshot of the Scratch "Join Scratch" form. The form has a title "Join Scratch" and a subtitle "Create projects, share ideas, make friends. It's free!". There are three input fields: "Create a username" with the text "jammer210", "Create a password" with two rows of asterisks, and a "Show password" checkbox. At the bottom of the form is a yellow "Next" button.

Materials

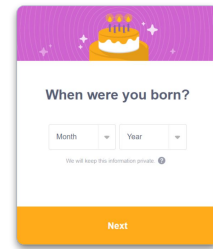
- Computer or Chromebook
- Internet connection
- Web browser
- Access to an email account (with an adult caregiver's permission).

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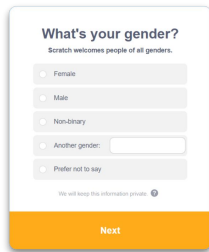
Select your **country**. This is ok to do as long as you don't put any information about your name or who you are on Scratch.

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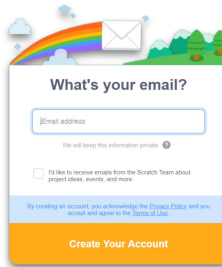
Select the **month** and **year** you were born. This is ok to do as long as you don't put any information about your name or who you are on Scratch.

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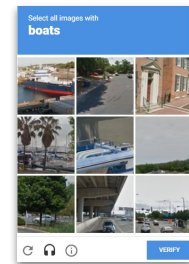
Select your **gender**. This is ok to do as long as you don't put any information about your name or who you are on Scratch. Don't be afraid to ask for help from a trusted adult to fill out this part. It's always ok to select "prefer not to say."

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Enter an **email address**. Please make sure to check with a trusted adult to make sure you have permission to enter an email address. Make sure you have access to this email inbox!

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You may have to complete a captcha to finish making your account. Did you know that you are teaching computers to see when you select images like this!?

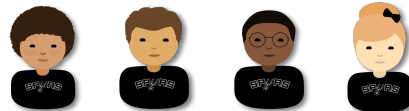
To use features in Scratch like sharing projects or commenting, you will have to go to the inbox of the email, open the email that Scratch sent you, and click on the link to **confirm your email address**.

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You are now ready to start creating cool projects in Scratch! Don't forget to confirm your email so that you can share your projects!



Being part of a digital community



From the Scratch Terms of Use:

Scratch is open to children and adults of all ages, and we ask that you keep this in mind when using the Scratch services. When you use Scratch, you agree to abide by the Scratch Community Guidelines.

Please read through the community guidelines: https://scratch.mit.edu/community_guidelines. These standards are great to practice good digital citizenship in Scratch or anywhere on the internet!



Scratch Offline

If you want to create with Scratch, but sometimes don't have an internet connection, you can download a **desktop** version of Scratch.

*You won't be able to share your projects on the website until you have an internet connection and an account set up and verified. You will need to have an internet connection just to download the file initially.

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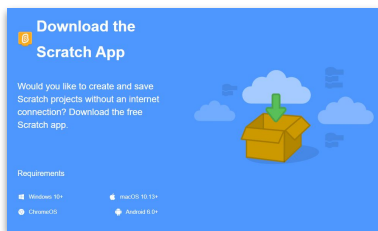
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Make sure your device meets the **system requirements**.



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Select your **operating system**. If you aren't sure about this, you can check with a trusted adult.

Choose your OS:

Windows

macOS

ChromeOS

Android

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Follow the instructions to **download/install** the application. This process will be a little bit different for each operating system. Once the file is downloaded, you no longer need the internet connection!



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Once installed, you can open the Scratch application and **start creating** with or without an internet connection. If you have an online account, you can upload the projects you create in the desktop application to your Scratch account at any time you have an internet connection.

