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## Lecture 4: How can computation... create animated stories?

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*"I'm too tired to listen to a story tonight, mom. Just e-mail something and I'll read it tomorrow."*

## Flowcharts

**Flowchart:**

- Visual representation of steps of algorithm
- Summarizes how algorithm behaves given specific answers

**Symbols**

- Boxes: Represent states (or actions or actions)
- Arrows (or edges): Show transitions (or decisions) between states

## Flowchart Example

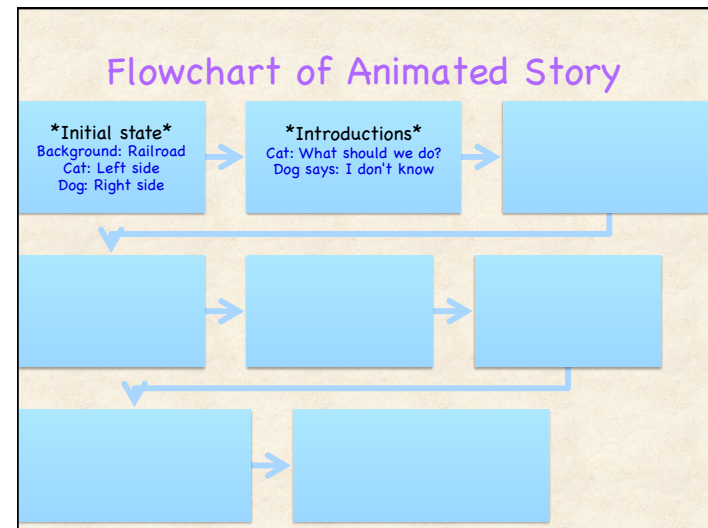
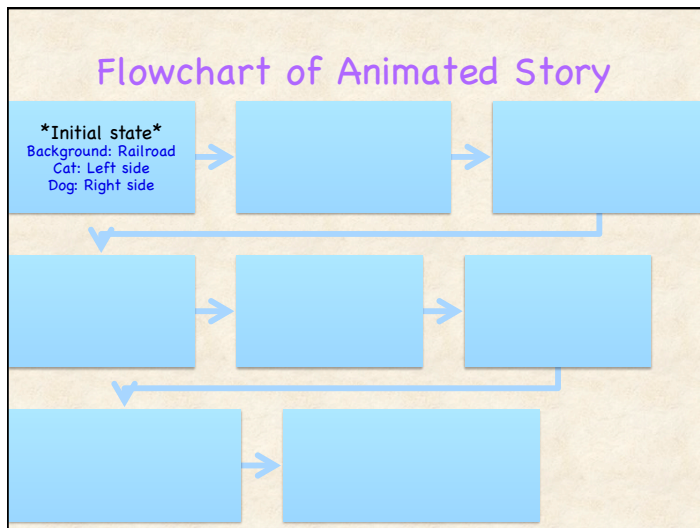
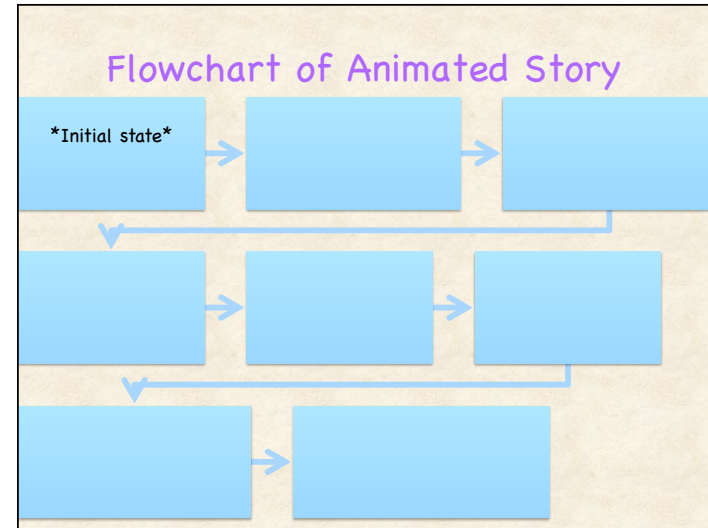
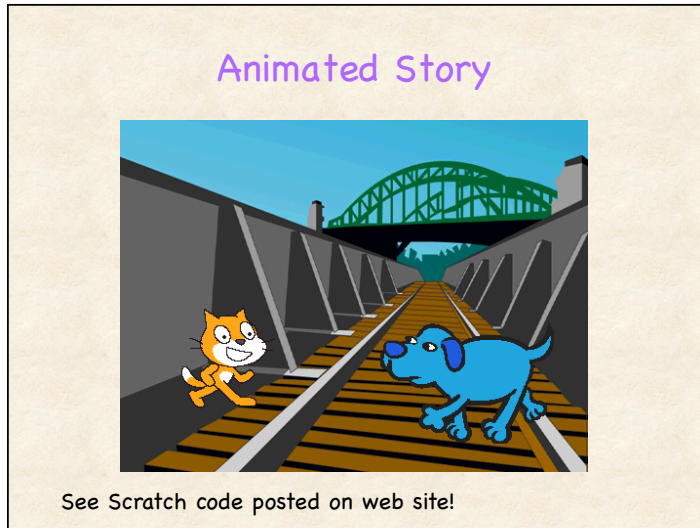
## Flowchart for Animated Story

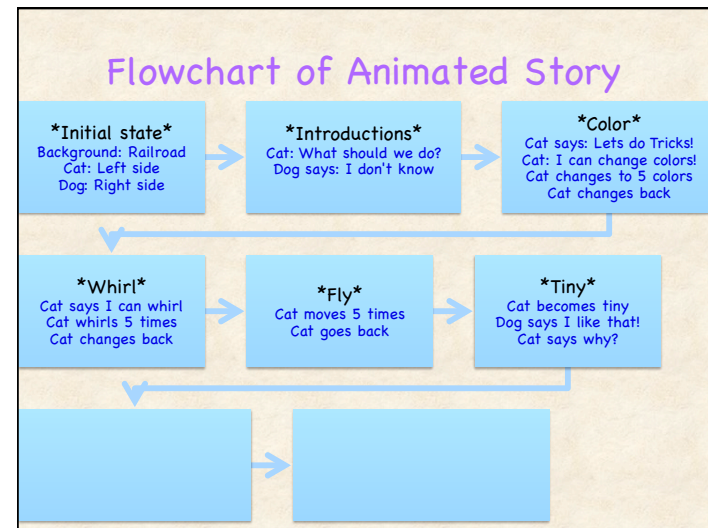
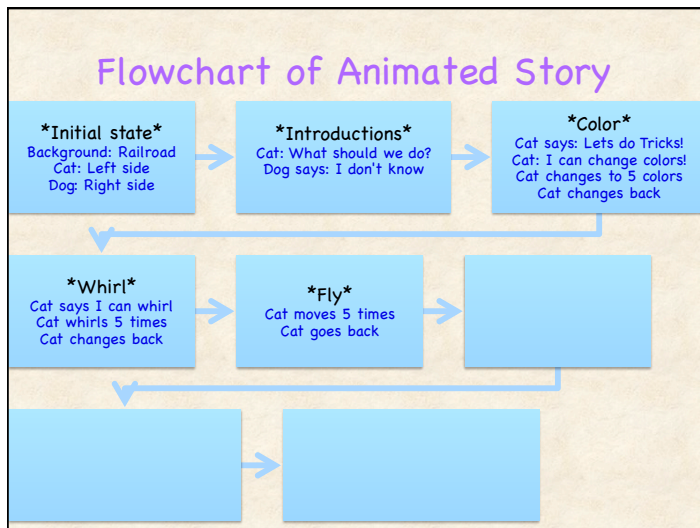
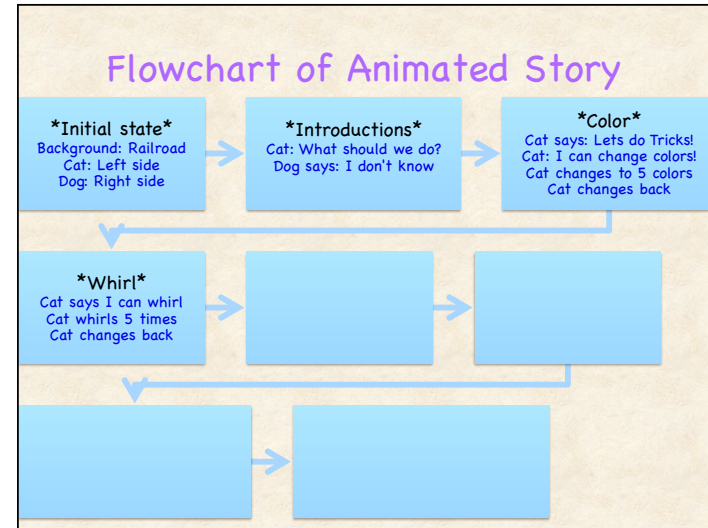
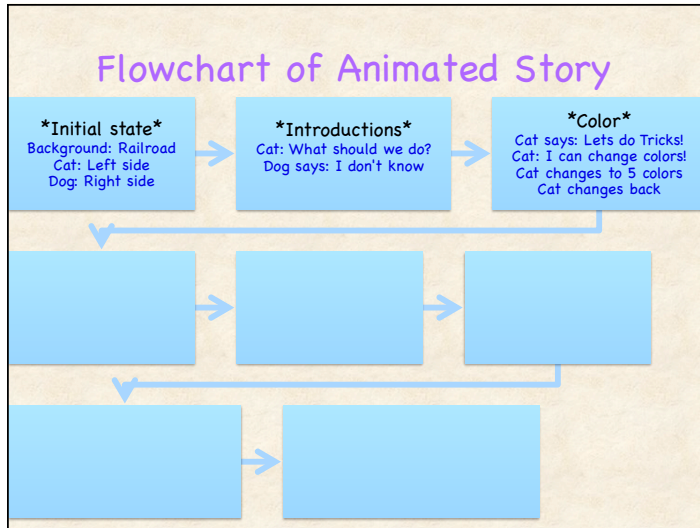
**Animated Story:** Behaves the same every time

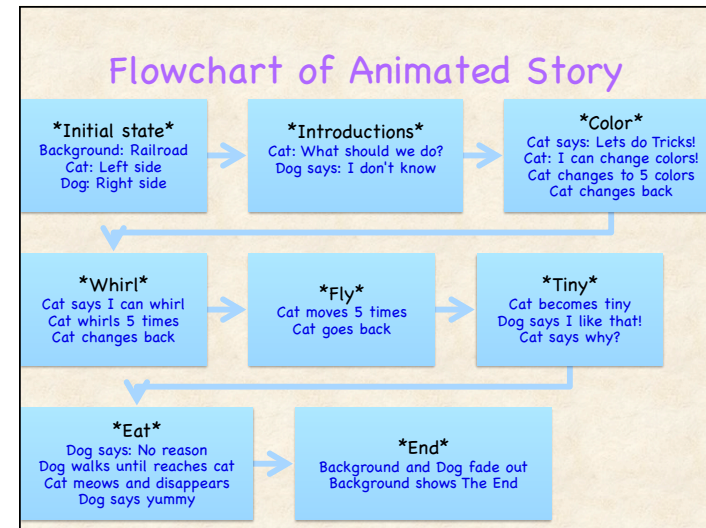
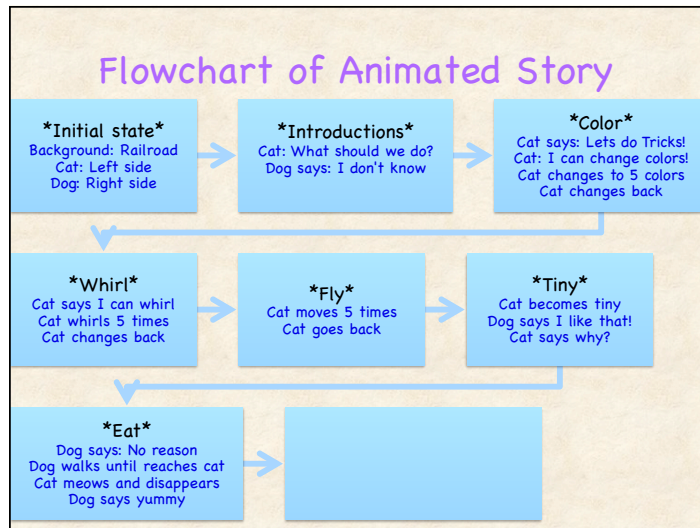
- No decisions!
- Flowchart is summary of sequential action of story

**How to create flowchart?**

- Identify Initial State or Scene
- Group individual actions into higher-level "scenes"
  - Somewhat subjective (no right answer)
  - Label with descriptive name
- Identify characters of story
  - Specify actions of each character in scene
- Connect scenes sequentially







### How to Transform Flowchart to Scripts?

**Approach**

- For each scene in flowchart, specify a script
  - May need to specify script for each character
  - Blocks in script show individual actions to be performed
- How to determine when script can run?
  - When should "Initial state" run?
  - When should "Introductions" scene run?
  - When should "Color" scene run?

### How to Tell Another Script to Run?

**broadcast** sends the message "jump" to all sprites

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This is useful if you want to tell other sprites when to do something.

What do you want them to do when they receive the message?

See **when I receive**



## How to Run Desired Script?

**when I receive** jump

whenever the message "jump" is broadcast

**when I receive** jump

change y by 40

wait 0.5 secs

change y by -40

wait 0.5 secs

do this

**when I receive** jump **waits for the message** **broadcast** jump

## Cat Scripts

**when clicked**

go to x: 433 y: 62

change "fill" effect by 25

set size to 100 %

when I receive "introductions"

say Hello dog! for 2 secs

say What would you like to do today? for 2 secs

broadcast Cat:Introduction:dog

**when I receive "whirr"**

say I know how to what about watch for 2 secs

change "fill" effect by 25

wait 1 secs

change "fill" effect by 25

wait 1 secs

change "fill" effect by 25

wait 1 secs

change "fill" effect by 25

wait 1 secs

say Down! change back for 2 secs

clear graphic effects

broadcast fly x

**when I receive "fly"**

say I know how to fly watch out for 2 secs

change size by 215

wait 2 secs

change size by 215

wait 2 secs

change size by 215

wait 2 secs

change size by 215

wait 2 secs

change size by 215

wait 2 secs

broadcast Cat:fly:dog

**when I receive "Dog:Color:Cat"**

say Lets do tricks! for 2 secs

say I know how to change colors! Watch me! for 2 secs

change "color" effect by 25

wait 1 secs

change "color" effect by 25

wait 1 secs

change "color" effect by 25

wait 1 secs

change "color" effect by 25

wait 1 secs

change "color" effect by 25

wait 1 secs

say Down, I'll change back for 2 secs

set "color" effect to 0

broadcast "whirr"

**when I receive "fly"**

say know how to fly watch out for 2 secs

slide 1 sec to x: pick random 243 to 243 y: pick random 0 to 150

slide 1 sec to x: pick random 243 to 243 y: pick random 0 to 150

slide 1 sec to x: pick random 243 to 243 y: pick random 0 to 150

slide 1 sec to x: pick random 243 to 243 y: pick random 0 to 150

say Down! pick back for 2 secs

slide 1 sec to x: 433 y: 62

broadcast "fly"

**when I receive "Dog:fly:cat"**

say Whoooo! for 2 secs

broadcast Cat:fly:dog

**when I receive "Dog:Color:Cat"**

say Whoooo! for 2 secs

hide

say sound "whirr" until done

See Scratch code posted on web site!

## Dog Scripts

**when clicked**

show

go to x: 115 y: 89

**when I receive "Cat:Introduction:Dog"**

say I don't know... What do you want to do? for 2 secs

broadcast "Dog:Color:Cat" and wait

**when I receive "Cat:Tiny:Dog"**

say Oh, I like that one! for 2 secs

broadcast "Dog:Tiny:Cat"

**when I receive "Cat:Eat:Dog"**

say Oh, no reason! for 2 secs

repeat until touching "Cat"?

move 20 steps

next costume

wait 0.5 secs

broadcast "Dog:Eat:Cat" and wait

say Yummy cat! for 2 secs

broadcast "Dog:End:Stage"

**repeat 20**

change "ghost" effect by 5

wait 0.1 secs

## Stage Scripts

**when clicked**

switch to background "train-tracks1"

clear graphic effects

**when I receive "Dog:End:Stage"**

repeat 20

change "ghost" effect by 5

wait 0.1 secs

switch to background "background1"

repeat 20

change "ghost" effect by -5

wait 0.1 secs

## Programming Concepts

### General

- Divide high-level functionality into logical units
- Descriptive naming is important
- Initial state must be specified
- Incrementally test code as you go
- Scripts must be activated to run
  - When flag clicked; When receive message
- Execution within script proceeds sequentially
- Control : forever, repeat <times>, repeat until
- Parameters (to blocks) specify behavior
- Goal is to make "non-fragile" code

## Today's Summary

### Today's Topics

- How to create animated stories in Scratch
- How to outline a sequential flowchart of steps
- How to broadcast and receive messages in Scratch

### Reading:

- Scratch User's Guide

### Announcements

- Homework 2 due before class Friday
  - See web page for hw details ([www.cs.wisc.edu/~cs202-1](http://www.cs.wisc.edu/~cs202-1))
  - Any questions Send mail to [cs202-tas@cs.wisc.edu](mailto:cs202-tas@cs.wisc.edu)
- Lab Hours in 1370 CS
  - Monday, Wednesday: 12-2pm
  - Tuesday, Thursday: 4-6pm