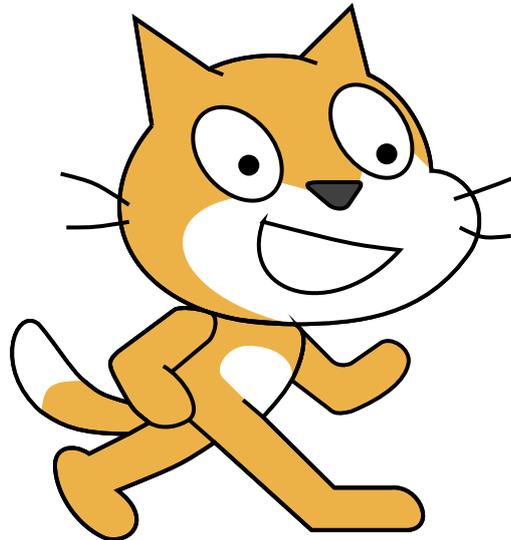
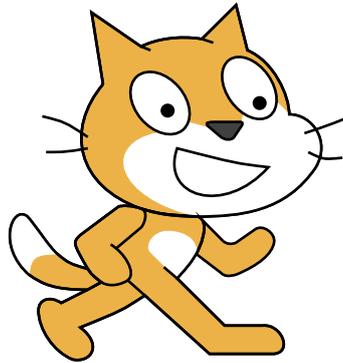


User guide: package [ScratchX.sty](#)

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1 Introduction

The `ScratchX.sty` package allows you to write any kind of Scratch program in L^AT_EX.

The `ScratchX.sty` package has to be put at least in the same file where the document `.tex` is created, or in the dedicated place in your computer.

The `ScratchX.sty` package must be called in the preamble of the document `.tex` with:

```
\usepackage{ScratchX}
```

The `ScratchX.sty` package uses the following packages:

```
\usepackage[nomessages]{fp}
\usepackage{calc}
\usepackage{xstring}
\usepackage[alpine]{ifsym}%pour avoir VarFlag comme
%drapeau de départ de Scratch
\usepackage{ifthen}
\usepackage{multido}
\usepackage{xargs}
```

In the document `.tex` that you want to create, you need to load:

```
\usepackage{tikz}
\usetikzlibrary{calc}
```

and also:

```
\usepackage{amssymb}
```

You can compile with XeLaTeX or pdfLaTeX.

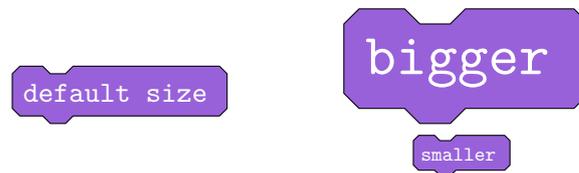
2 General description

We write a program (or simply a command) Scratch with the environment:

```
\begin{Scratch}
%\LaTeX commands in order to create the Scratch commands
\end{Scratch}
```

The command `\begin{Scratch}` has the scale in option (1 by default).

Thus, `\begin{Scratch}[2]` doubles the program size, whereas `\begin{Scratch}[0.7]` reduces by 70% the size of the created program.



The colors

The ten specific Scratch colors are defined like this:

mvt :	Motion	evt :	Events
app :	Looks	ctrl :	Control
son :	Sound	capt :	Sensing
stylo :	Pen	ope :	Operators
data :	Data	bloc :	More blocks

3 Command list

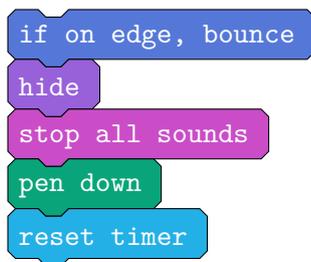
3.1 Simple

Obtained with `\sbox{<text>}{<color>}`.

Typing:

```
\begin{Scratch}
\sbox{if on edge, bounce}{mvt}
\sbox{hide}{app}
\sbox{stop all sounds}{son}
\sbox{pen down}{stylo}
\sbox{reset timer}{capt}
\end{Scratch}
```

you get:



3.2 Specials

3.2.1 Events

Obtained with `\beginbox{<text>}`.

`\beginbox{}` gives

`\beginbox{clone}` gives

`\beginbox{when this sprite clicked}` gives

3.2.2 Turn

Obtained with `\turnbox{<orientation>}{<angle>}`.

`\turnbox{}{-145}` gives 

`\turnbox{gauche}{30}` gives 

You can also write `\turnbox{g}{30}` or `\turnbox{G}{30}`.

3.2.3 Loops

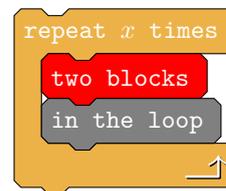
Obtained with

`\boucle{<text>}{<number of blocks inside>}{<type>}`,

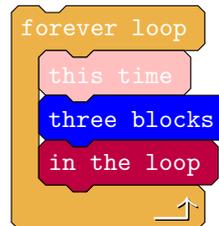
where `<type>` is an integer which can be equal to 1 (*repeat x times* or *repeat until*) or -1 (*forever loop*).

`\boucle{repeat x times}{2}{1}`
`\sbox{two blocks}{red}`
`\sbox{in the loop}{gray}`

makes



`\boucle{forever loop}{3}{-1}`
`\sbox{this time}{pink}`
`\sbox{three blocks}{blue}`
`\sbox{in the loop}{purple}`



Notice that if you want to put a loop into another loop, you have to count the correct number of blocks inside the main loop. Actually, a loop counts for two blocks (without the inside blocks).

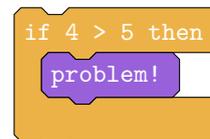
3.2.4 If ... Then

Notice that you get this command with the same syntax seen above. Actually:

`\boucle{<text>}{<number of blocks inside>}{2}`.

`\boucle{if 4 > 5 then}{1}{2}`
`\sbox{problem!}{app}`

produit



Remark: in order to properly type the *if ... then* test, see *the small boxes* in section 3.3.

3.2.5 If ... Then ... Else

Obtained with

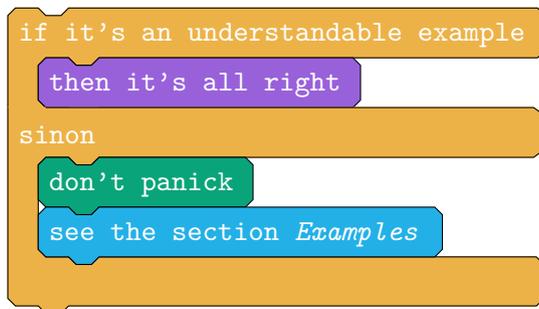
`\sailors{<text>}{<number of blocks inside>}`

et
`\simenon{<number of blocks inside>}`.

Typing:

```
\begin{Scratch}
\sailors{if it's an understandable example}{1}
\sabox{then it's all right}{app}
\simenon{2}
\sabox{don't panick}{stylo}
\sabox{see the section \emph{Examples}}{capt}
\end{Scratch}
```

you get:



3.2.6 More blocks

You get them with `\blocbox{<text>}`.

`\blocbox{triangle}` gives



3.2.7 Spécial control

It's for `stop all` and `delete this clone`.

These commands are obtained with `\kbox{<text>}`.

3.3 Inside the Scratch commands: the little boxes

How to get some specific commands, like: `stop all`?

How to type `wait until color is touching`?

or `point towards mouse-pointer`? or even



change volume by pick random 1 to 10 ?

3.3.1 The little rectangular boxes

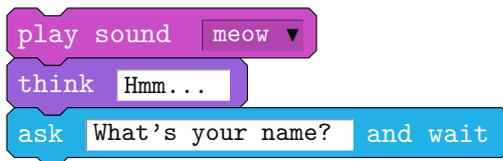
- In the `\sbox`:
obtained with
`\rb[<color>]{<text>}`
- dans les `\beginbox` :
you get them with
`\rbb[<color>]{<text>}`

In both cases, `<color>` has by default the color of the box it is inside. In order to get a white rectangular box, you just have to put `<color>` at white or w.

Typing:

```
\begin{Scratch}
\sbox{play sound \rb{meow}}{son}
\sbox{think \rb[white]{Hmm\dots}}{app}
\sbox{ask \rb[w]{What's your name?} and wait}{capt}
\end{Scratch}
```

you get:



3.3.2 The small round boxes

They are hollowed or embossed.

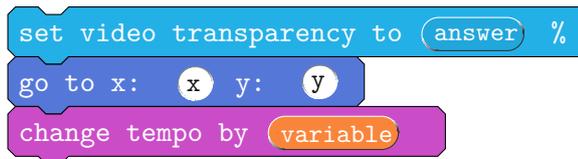
You get them with
`\cb[<color>]{<text>}`

By default, `<color>` has the same color of the circular box it is inside. If `<color>` is white or w, the circular box is hollowed.

Typing:

```
\begin{Scratch}
\sbox{set video transparency to \cb{answer} \%}{capt}
\sbox{go to x:\cb[w]{x} y:\cb[white]{y}}{mvt}
\sbox{change tempo by \cb[data]{variable} }{son}
\end{Scratch}
```

you get:



3.3.3 The small hexagonal boxes

Only for *Sensing* et *Operators* commands.

You get them with

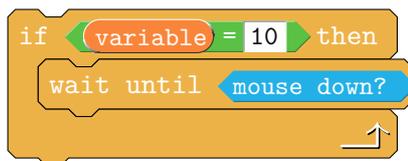
```
\hb[<color>]{<text>}
```

By default, <color> is ope.

Typing:

```
\begin{Scratch}
\boucle{if \hb{\cb[data]{variable}=\rb[w]{10}} then}{1}{1}
\sbox{wait until \hb[cap]{mouse down?}}{ctrl1}
\end{Scratch}
```

you get:



3.3.4 The small squared boxes

Only for the colored squares.

You get them with

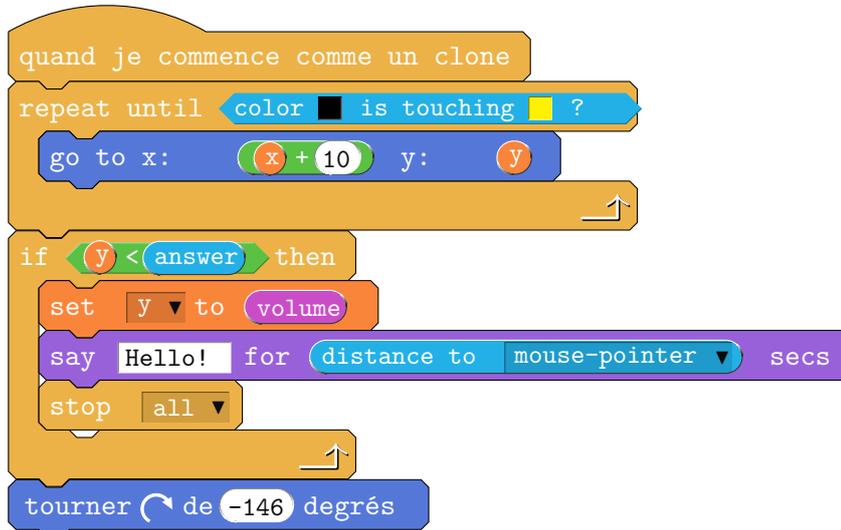
```
\sqb{<color>}
```

Typing:

```
\begin{Scratch}
\sbox{set pen color to \sqb{brown}}{stylo}
\end{Scratch}
```

you get: 

3.4 Intricate commands



Got with:

```
\begin{Scratch}
\beginbox{clone}
\boucle{repeat until \hb[cap]{color \sqb{black}
  is touching \sqb{yellow} ? }}{1}{1}
\sbox{go to x: \cb[ope]{\cb[data]{x}+\cb[w]{10}} y: \cb[data]{y}}{mvt}
\boucle{if \hb{\cb[data]{y}<\cb[cap]{answer}} then}{3}{1}
\sbox{set \rb{y} to \cb[son]{volume}}{data}
\sbox{say \rb[w]{Hello!} for \cb[cap]{distance to
  \rb{mouse-pointer} } secs}{app}
\kbox{stop \rb{all}}
\turnbox{2}{-146}
\end{Scratch}
```

3.5 Other sort of commands

3.5.1 In the loops

You need to use the command `\blank` when in the Scratch program, two loops ends at the same time.

Typing:

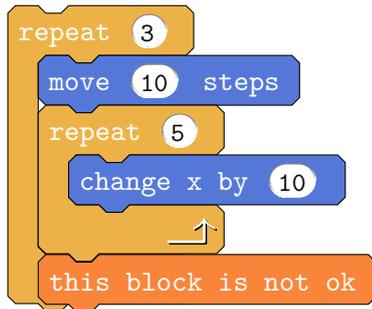
```
\begin{Scratch}
\boucle{repeat \cb[w]{3}}{4}{1}
```

```

\scbox{move \cb[w]{10} steps}{mvt}
\boucle{repeat \cb[w]{5}}{1}{1}
\scbox{change x by \cb[w]{10}}{mvt}
\scbox{this block is not ok}{data}
\end{Scratch}

```

you get:



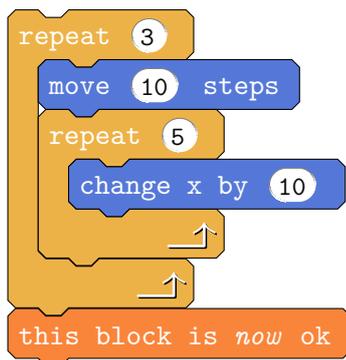
Whereas typing:

```

\begin{Scratch}
\boucle{repeat \cb[w]{3}}{4}{1}
\scbox{move \cb[w]{10} steps}{mvt}
\boucle{repeat \cb[w]{5}}{1}{1}
\scbox{change x by \cb[w]{10}}{mvt}
\blank
\scbox{this block is \emph{now} ok}{data}
\end{Scratch}

```

you get:



If you type:

```

\begin{Scratch}
\boucle{repeat \cb[w]{3}}{5}{1}

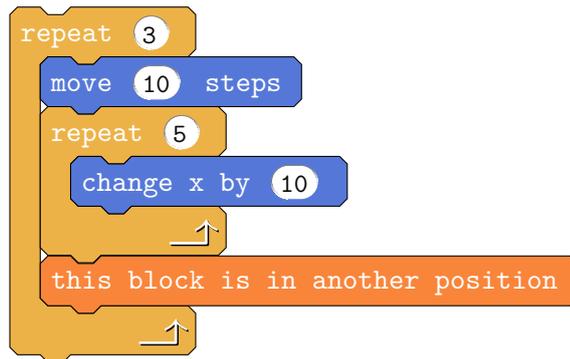
```

```

\scbox{move \cb[w]{10} steps}{mvt}
\boucle{repeat \cb[w]{5}}{1}{1}
\scbox{change x by \cb[w]{10}}{mvt}
\scbox{this block is in another position}{data}
\end{Scratch}

```

you get:



3.5.2 How to draw the cat

You can get the cover cat with:

```
\Scratchy[<scale>][<lines width>]
```

By default, the scale is 0.25 and the lines width is set at 0.25 pt.

Here is the code for the cover:

```
\parbox{1ex}{\Scratchy[0.1][0.1]}\
```

```
\hspace{1cm}\parbox{1ex}{\Scratchy[0.2][0.2]}\
```

```
\hspace{2cm}\parbox{1ex}{\Scratchy[0.5][1]}\
```

```
\hspace{5cm}\parbox{1ex}{\Scratchy[0.75][1.5]}\
```

4 Known problems and solutions

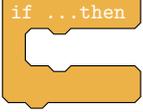
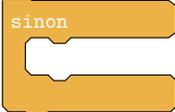
1. The black little triangle doesn't exist in the command *point in direction* (motion). You have to write it down.

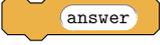
```
\scbox{point in direction \cb[w]{90 \scriptsize$\blacktriangledown$}}{mvt}
```



2. The height of the boxes is set. Therefore, you cannot put a lot of under-commands in a Scratch command.
3. When you need to put only one Scratch command into some text, it is not vertically centered. You can use a: `\raisebox{-3mm}`.
4. There is also a tiny horizontal gap. When a Scratch environment is over, you often need to add a `\hspace{-1cm}`.
5. The compile time is sometimes long!

5 Commands summary

<code>\beginbox{}</code>	
<code>\beginbox{<text>}</code> (when this sprite clicked)	
<code>\beginbox{clone}</code>	
<code>\blocbox{<text>}</code>	
<code>\turnbox{}{90}</code>	
<code>\turnbox{g}{-270}</code> (or <gauche> or <G> or <g>)	
<code>\sbox{<text>}{<color>}</code>	
<code>\boucle{repeat}{2}{1}</code> ({<text>}{<nbr blocks>}{<type>})	
<code>\boucle{forever}{1}{-1}</code> ({<text>}{<nbr blocks>}{<type>})	
<code>\boucle{if ...then}{1}{2}</code> ({<text>}{<nbr blocks>}{<type>})	
<code>\sailors{if...then...}{2}</code> ({<text>}{<nbr blocks>})	
<code>\simenon{<nbre blocks>}</code> (ici, \simenon{1})	
<code>\kbox{<text>}</code>	

<code>\rb{<text>}</code> (\rb{variable})	
<code>\rb[w]{<text>}</code> (ou \rb[white]{<text>})	
<code>\rbb{<text>}</code> (only for \beginbox) \beginbox{when I receive \rbb{message1}}	
<code>\cb{<text>}</code> (transparent)	
<code>\cb[w]{<text>}</code> (ou \cb[white]{<text>})	
<code>\cb[<color>]{<text>}</code>	
<code>\cb[ope]{answer}</code>	
<code>\hb{<text>}</code>	
<code>\hb[cap]{<text>}</code>	
<code>\sqb{<color>}</code>	

6 Examples of programs (in French):

```

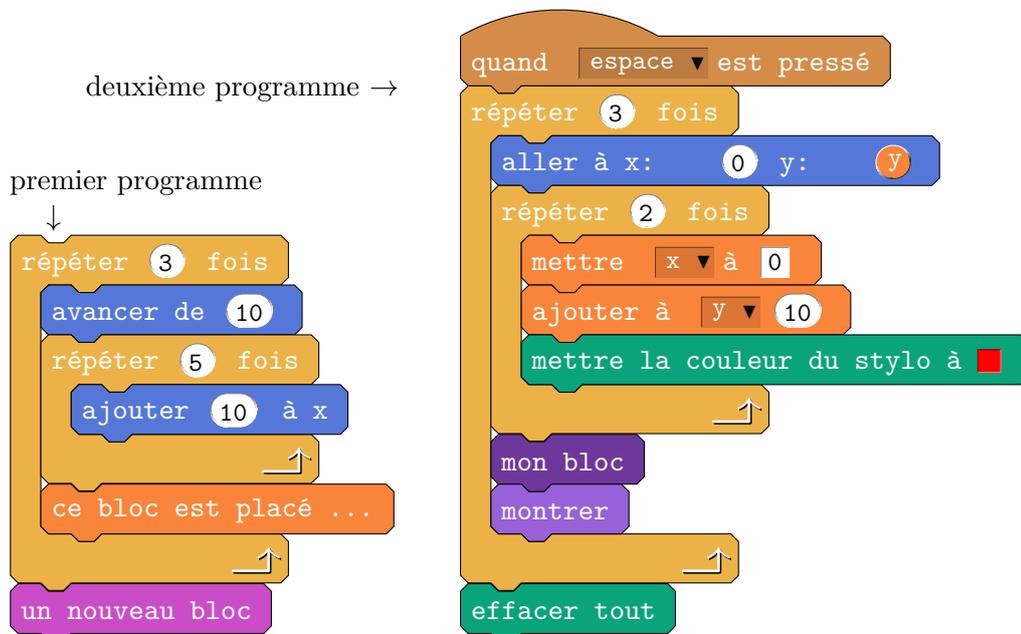
\begin{Scratch}
\boucle{répéter \cb[w]{3} fois}{5}{1}
\sbox{avancer de \cb[w]{10}}{mvt}
\boucle{répéter \cb[w]{5} fois}{1}{1}
\sbox{ajouter \cb[w]{10} à x}{mvt}
\sbox{ce bloc est placé autrement}{data}
\sbox{un nouveau bloc}{son}
\end{Scratch}

```

```

\begin{Scratch}
\beginbox{quand \rbb{espace} est pressé}
\boucle{répéter \cb[w]{3} fois}{8}{1}
\sbox{aller à x: \cb[w]{0} y: \cb[data]{y}}{mvt}
\boucle{répéter \cb[w]{2} fois}{3}{1}
\sbox{mettre \rb{x} à \rb[w]{0}}{data}
\sbox{ajouter à \rb{y} \cb[w]{10}}{data}
\sbox{mettre la couleur du stylo à \sqb{red}}{stylo}
\sbox{mon bloc}{bloc}
\sbox{montrer}{app}
\sbox{effacer tout}{stylo}
\end{Scratch}

```



6.1 Loops of loops

```
\begin{Scratch}
\beginbox{quand \rb{chronomètre} > \cb[w]{10}}

\sailors{si \hb[cap]{touche \rb{espace} pressée?} alors}{12}

\sailors{si \hb[cap]{souris pressée?} alors}{1}
\sabox{aller à x: \cb[w]{0} y: \cb[w]{0}}{mvt}

\simenon{2}
\sabox{donner la valeur \cb[w]{0} à x}{mvt}
\sabox{ajouter \cb[w]{10} à y}{mvt}

\sailors{si couleur \sqb{son} touchée?}{1}
\sabox{aller à x: \cb[w]{0} y: \cb[w]{0}}{mvt}

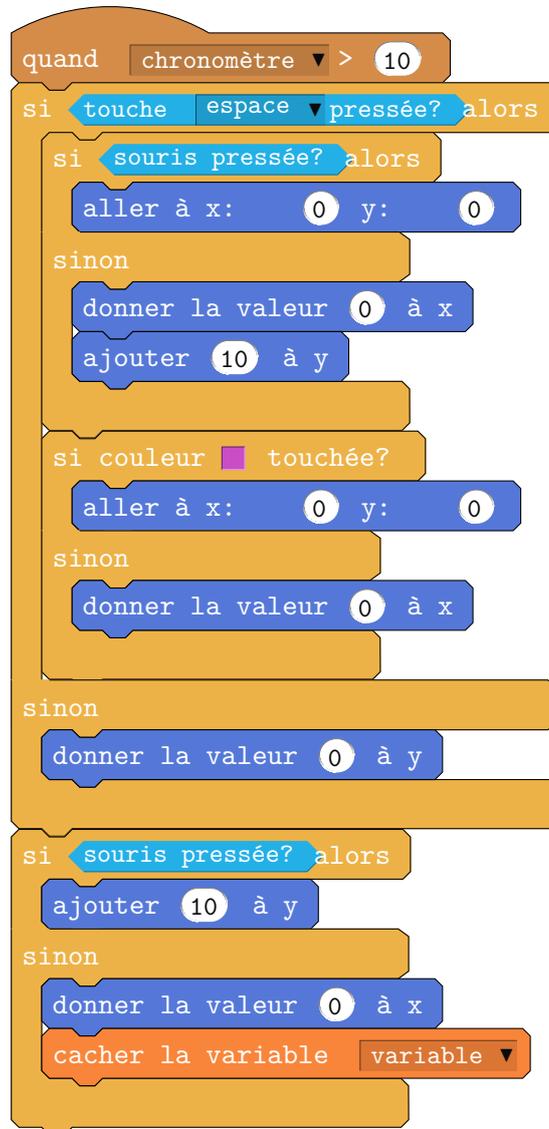
\simenon{1}
\sabox{donner la valeur \cb[w]{0} à x}{mvt}

\simenon{1}
\sabox{donner la valeur \cb[w]{0} à y}{mvt}

\sailors{si \hb[cap]{souris pressée?} alors}{1}
\sabox{ajouter \cb[w]{10} à y}{mvt}

\simenon{2}
\sabox{donner la valeur \cb[w]{0} à x}{mvt}
\sabox{cacher la variable \rb{variable}}{data}

\end{Scratch}
```



```
\begin{Scratch}
\beginbox{}

\sailors{si couleur \sqb{stylo} touchée?}{12}

\sailors{si \hb[capt]{souris pressée?} alors}{6}
\scbox{aller à x: \cb[w]{0} y: \cb[w]{0}}{mvt}

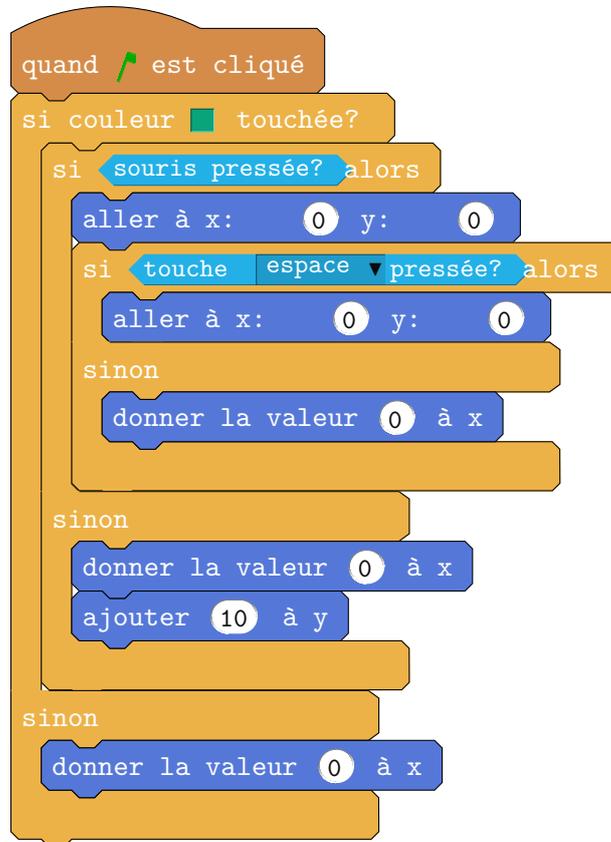
\sailors{si \hb[capt]{touche \rb{espace} pressée?} alors}{1}
\scbox{aller à x: \cb[w]{0} y: \cb[w]{0}}{mvt}

\simenon{1}
\scbox{donner la valeur \cb[w]{0} à x}{mvt}

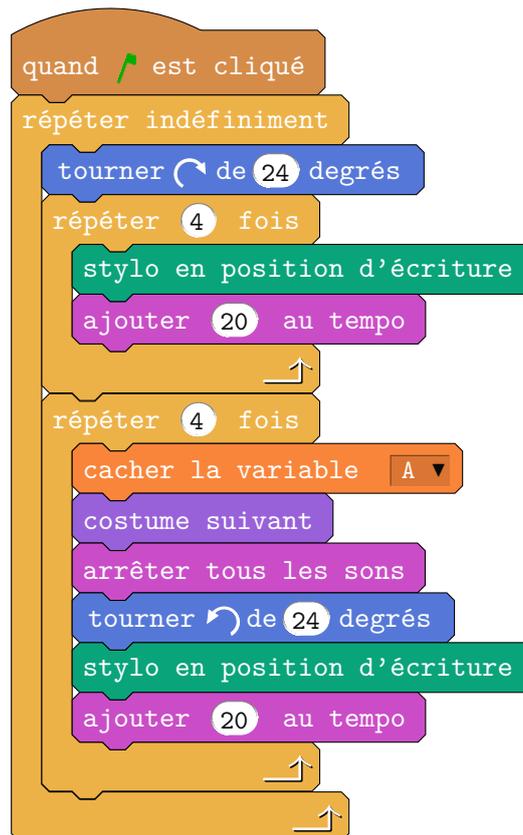
\simenon{2}
\scbox{donner la valeur \cb[w]{0} à x}{mvt}
\scbox{ajouter \cb[w]{10} à y}{mvt}

\simenon{1}
\scbox{donner la valeur \cb[w]{0} à x}{mvt}

\end{Scratch}
```



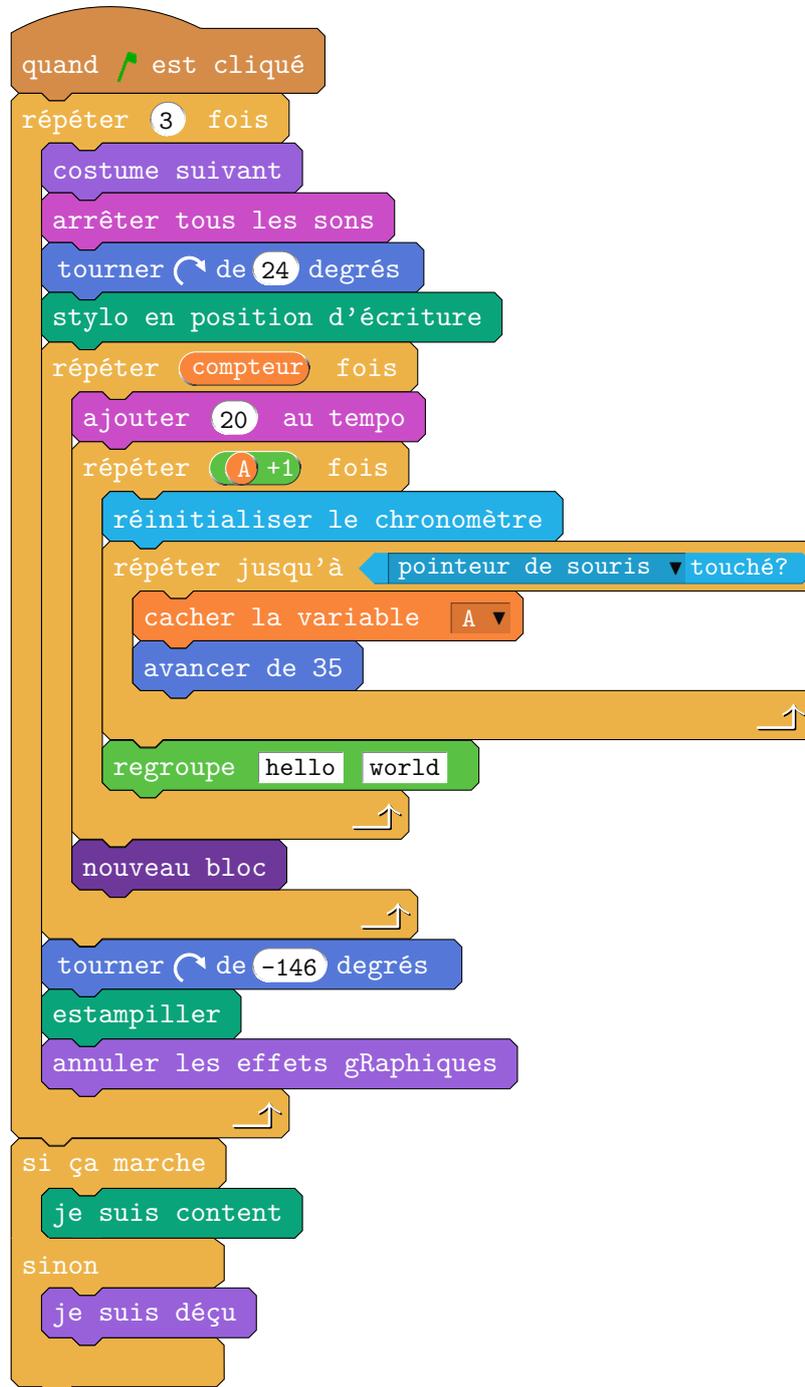
```
\begin{Scratch}  
\beginbox{}  
\boucle{répéter indéfiniment}{13}{-1}  
\turnbox{}{24}  
\boucle{répéter \cb[w]{4} fois}{2}{1}  
\sbox{stylo en position d'écriture}{stylo}  
\sbox{ajouter \cb[w]{20} au tempo}{son}  
\boucle{quand le lutin s'en va}{6}{1}  
\sbox{cacher la variable \rb{A}}{data}  
\sbox{costume suivant}{app}  
\sbox{arrêter tous les sons}{son}  
\turnbox{g}{24}  
\sbox{stylo en position d'écriture}{stylo}  
\sbox{ajouter \cb[w]{20} au tempo}{son}  
\blank  
\end{Scratch}
```



```
\begin{Scratch}  
\beginbox{quand on le veut}  
\boucle{répéter un certain nombre de fois}{8}{1}  
\sbox{aller à x: \cb[w]{0} y: \cb[w]{0}}{mvt}  
\boucle{le dernier ??}{2}{1}  
\sbox{on peut faire}{gray}  
\sbox{ce que l'on veut}{black}  
\boucle{ne pas répéter}{1}{1}  
\sbox{faux bloc}{brown}  
\blank  
\sbox{dernier bloc}{pink}  
\end{Scratch}
```



```
\begin{Scratch}
\beginbox{}
\boucle{répéter \cb[w]{3} fois}{19}{1}
\sbox{costume suivant}{app}
\sbox{arrêter tous les sons}{son}
\turnbox{1}{24}
\sbox{stylo en position d'écriture}{stylo}
\boucle{répéter \cb[data]{compteur} fois}{10}{1}
\sbox{ajouter \cb[w]{20} au tempo}{son}
\boucle{répéter \cb[ope]{\cb[data]{A}+1} fois}{6}{1}
\sbox{réinitialiser le chronomètre}{capt}
\boucle{répéter jusqu'à \hb[capt]{\rb[pointeur de souris] touché?}}{2}{1}
\sbox{cacher la variable \rb{A}}{data}
\sbox{avancer de 35}{mvt}
\sbox{regroupe \rb[w]{hello}\rb[w]{world}}{ope}
\sbox{nouveau bloc}{bloc}
\turnbox{2}{-146}
\sbox{estampiller}{stylo}
\sbox{annuler les effets graphiques}{app}
\sailors{si ça marche}{1}
\sbox{je suis content}{stylo}
\simenon{1}
\sbox{je suis déçu}{app}
\end{Scratch}
```



7 Conclusion

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Thank you!