Scratch is free to download and free to use. It works on the vast majority of PC and Mac computers, and it even runs on Ubuntu.

Our class Scratch Page where you can see student projects is at

<http://scratch.mit.edu/users/NorthMarinScratch>

**Download Scratch**

We are using an older version of Scratch, Scratch 1.4, which is easier for younger students to use. Projects made in 1.4 can be uploaded to Scratch web accounts, but projects on the Scratch website cannot be opened in 1.4. Download Scratch 1.4 at <http://info.scratch.mit.edu/Scratch_1.4_Download>.

*(If you or your child are already using Scratch 2.0, don’t worry. You can remix projects uploaded in class on the website and then via the standalone if you prefer.)*

**Create a Scratch Account**

Create a Scratch Account to upload projects and interact with other Scratchers. You will need an email to do this. <http://scratch.mit.edu/signup>

**Learn Scratch – Remixing**

There are lots of ways to learn Scratch. One of the best is by remixing other projects. You can open up the Example projects that come with Scratch 1.4, play with them and make your own version. You will learn as you play with and change the code blocks in other people’s projects. Maybe one day someone will learn from yours!

**Learn Scratch – Tutorials**

You can find help to get started with Scratch at <http://scratch.mit.edu/help/>. Keep on Scratching! ☺

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