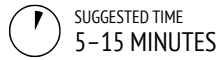# SCRATCH ACCOUNT

SUGGESTED TIME
5–15 MINUTES

OBJECTIVES
By completing this activity, students will:
+ create a Scratch account
+ explore the Scratch online community and review the Scratch community guidelines

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

❑ Scratch online accounts require an email address. If students cannot provide a personal or school email address, a teacher or parent/guardian email address may be used. Plan in advance if permission slips for online accounts need to be collected.

❑ Help students navigate to the Scratch website at http://scratch.mit.edu and click on "Join Scratch" to get started creating a Scratch account. Optionally, have the Scratch Account handout available to guide students. Give students time to register, update their Scratch profile page, and explore the Scratch online community. Encourage students to practice signing in and out of their accounts. You may opt to create a Scratch Teacher Account. Read more about Teacher Accounts and classes in Scratch here.

❑ To make it easier for members of the class to find and follow one another's Scratch profiles, consider creating a class list of usernames and names.

❑ Examine the Scratch community guidelines as a group to discuss respectful and constructive behavior. Review how to report inappropriate posts on the website.

RESOURCES

❑ Scratch Account handout
❑ Scratch community guidelines http://scratch.mit.edu/community_guidelines

REFLECTION PROMPTS

+ What is your Scratch account username?
+ What is a hint to help you remember your password?

REVIEWING STUDENT WORK

+ Were students able to create Scratch accounts and successfully sign in and out of the Scratch website?

NOTES

+ Teachers may prefer providing their email or creating a class email address, as notifications of any inappropriate behavior on the Scratch website will be sent to the email that is registered with the account.
+ Check if any students already have an online account.
+ To remember passwords while maintaining privacy, have students write down their username and password in sealed envelopes that are kept in a secure place in the classroom.

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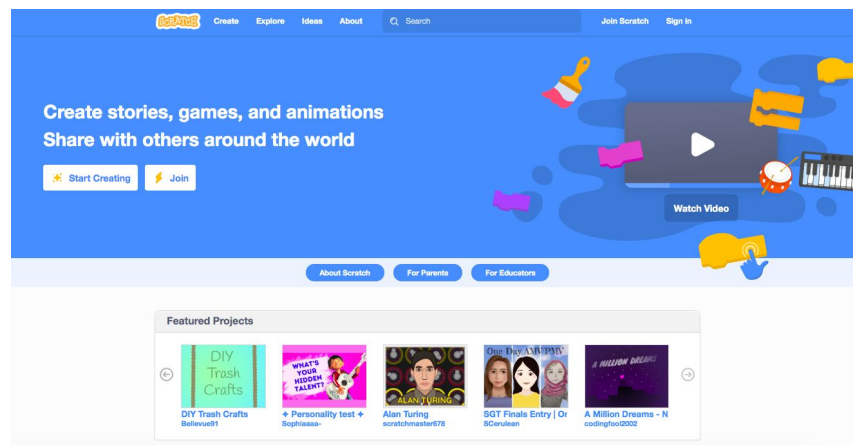
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SCRATCH ACCOUNT

NEW TO SCRATCH? GET STARTED BY CREATING YOUR SCRATCH ACCOUNT!

You will need a Scratch account to create, save, and share your Scratch projects. The steps below will walk you through creating a new account and setting up your profile.

START HERE

- ☐ Open a web browser and navigate to the Scratch website: http://scratch.mit.edu

- ☐ On the homepage, click on "Join Scratch" at the top on the right of the page.

- ☐ Complete the three steps to sign up for your very own Scratch account!

SCRATCH ACCOUNT REFLECTIONS

NAME:

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RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING REFLECTION PROMPTS USING THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW OR IN YOUR DESIGN JOURNAL.

What is your Scratch account username?

What is a hint to help you remember your password?