Animate Your Name

This guide offers ideas for leading a one-hour workshop using Scratch. Participants will gain experience with coding as they animate their names.

Try the tutorial

- **Animate Your Name**
  - Make your name come to life! Animate the letters by coding in Scratch. Add sound and music too.
- **Spin**
  - Make a sprite turn when you click on it.

Print the cards

- **scratch.mit.edu/name/cards**
- **scratch.mit.edu/name**

Make sure participants have Scratch accounts

- **Join Scratch**
- **Scratch!**
- **scratch.mit.edu**

Preparing for the workshop

- **Set up a projector or large monitor (if available)**
- **Prepare Scratch accounts**
  - **Join Scratch**
  - **Sign in**
- **Print the cards**
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Workshop plan

Imagine
Start as a group, introducing the project theme.

5 minutes

Create
Support participants as they create projects, working at their own pace.

35+ minutes

Share
Gather together to share and reflect at the end of the session.

10 minutes

Imagine
Introduce the idea to the group and get them brainstorming.

Inspire
Show the intro video from the Animate Your Name tutorial for ideas and inspiration.

Sample projects

Warm-up: Introductions
Gather the group in a circle. Ask each participant to say their name, what their favorite animal is, and one word that describes that animal.
Demonstrate how to get started

In Scratch, click Create. Choose a letter from the Sprite Library:

Make it do something:

Add a sound:

Choose a new backdrop:

Create

Support participants as they create interactive name projects.

Prompts for getting started

What letters and colors do you want to use to introduce yourself?  
How will you show your style?

Provide resources

Offer options for getting started

Some may want to go step-by-step through the tutorial.

Others may want to explore using the activity cards.

Idea for starting

• Choose a letter
• Make it change color
• Add a sound
• Add a backdrop
Customize and personalize!
- Draw a letter
- Make it spin
- Make it glide
- Change size

Support collaboration
- When someone gets stuck, connect them to another participant who can help.
- See a cool idea? Ask the creator to share with others.

Encourage experimenting
Help participants feel comfortable trying different combinations of blocks and seeing what happens.
To understand their thought process, you can ask questions:
- What are you working on now?
- What are you thinking of trying next?

Variations
- Other Names
  Animate the name of a favorite character from a book or movie. Or, animate the letters of the name of your school or town.
- Start with an Image
  Have participants bring in a picture (or find a picture on the web) and animate a word that goes with the picture.
- Acrostics
  Make an interactive acrostic (a poem in which the first letters of each line spell out a word reading down).

Share
Have participants share their project with their neighbors.

Ask questions they can discuss:
- What do you like best about the project you made?
- What was the hardest part?
- If you had more time, what would you add or change?