

## ASSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH

### The Scratch Research Project

1. My name is Mitchel Resnick. I'm a professor at MIT, and I'm one of the people who started the Scratch project.
2. We are asking you to take part in this research project because we are trying to learn how people use the Scratch and interact within the Scratch community (which we developed at MIT).
3. If you agree to be in this study, we will ask you some questions about your experiences using Scratch and participating in the Scratch online community. We may ask you questions such as, "How did you learn about Scratch?" and "Tell us about a Scratch project you shared." We will audio record these conversations. At any time, you can ask that any part of the audio recordings be deleted. These audio recordings and all other data (such as handwritten notes) will be available only to researchers working under this project. On any written reports, participants like you will be identified only by made-up names.
4. There are no risks in participating in this study. We will keep your identity a secret and all information that we collect will be stored in a secure location at MIT.
5. Scratch enables you to create your own animations, stories, and games while learning valuable computer programming skills. Additionally, sharing your Scratch projects online and participating in the community may provide you new learning opportunities as you interact with other Scratch users.
6. Please talk this over with your parents before you decide whether or not to participate. We will also ask your parents to give their permission for you to take part in this study. But even if your parents say "yes" you can still decide not to do this.
7. If you don't want to be in this study, you don't have to participate. Remember, being in this study is up to you and no one will be upset if you don't want to participate or even if you change your mind later and want to stop.
8. You can ask any questions that you have about the study now. If you have a question later that you didn't think of now, you can call me 617-253-9783 or ask me next time. You can also call the Chairman of the Committee on the Use of Humans as Experimental Subjects at M.I.T. at 1-617-253 6787 if you feel you have been treated unfairly.
9. Signing your name at the bottom means that you agree to be in this study. You and your parents will be given a copy of this form after you have signed it.

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Name of Subject

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Date