

Unit: Coding

Key Vocabulary

Action	The way that objects change when programmed to do so. For example, move or change a property.
Command	A single instruction in a computer program.
Co-ordinates	Numbers which determine the position of a point, shape or object in a particular space.
Event	An occurrence that causes a block of code to be run. The event could be the result of user action such as the user pressing a key (when Key) or clicking or swiping the screen (when Clicked, when Swiped) or when objects interact (collision). In 2Code, the event commands are used to create blocks of code that are run when events happen.
Decomposition	A method of breaking down a task into manageable components. This makes coding easier as the components can then be coded separately and then brought back together in the program.
Execute/Run	Clicking the Play button to make the computer respond to the code. Execute is the technical word for when you run the code. We say, 'the program (or code) executes.'
Flowchart	A diagram that uses specifically shaped, labelled boxes and arrows to represent an algorithm as a diagram.
Function	A block or sequence of code that you can access when you need it, so you don't have to rewrite the code repeatedly. Instead, you simply call the function each time you want it.
Input	Information going into the computer. This could be the user moving or clicking the mouse, or the user entering characters on the keyboard. On tablets there are other forms such as finger swipes, touch gestures and tilting the device. In 2Code the commands prompt for input and get input are used to prompt the user to enter typed input and then use this input.
Launch Command	This command will open another Purple Mash file or an external website that you specify when it is called.
Object	Items in a program that can be given instructions to move or change in some way (action). In 2Code Gorilla, the object types are button number, input, text, shape turtle, character, object, vehicle, animal.
Output	Information that comes out of the computer e.g. sound. prompt, alert or print to screen.

Key Question

How can you use Tabs in 2Code Gorilla?



Tabs are used to organise your code and make it more readable. This also makes it easier to debug. Give the Tabs useful names to help with this

In 2Code Gorilla, how can a program receive user input?

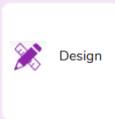


When the user clicks on an object, when the user presses keys or swipes the screen with the mouse, the 'Get Input' and 'Prompt for input' commands. On a touchscreen: when the screen is touched or swiped.

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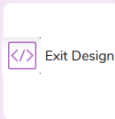
Procedure	An independent code module that fulfils a task and is referenced within a larger body of code. In 2Code a procedure might be coded as a function.
Selection	Selection is a decision command. When selection is used, a program will choose which bit of code to run depending on a condition. In 2Code selection is accomplished using 'if' or 'if/else' statements.
Simulation	A model that represents a real or imaginary situation. Simulations can be used to explore options and to test predictions.
Tab	In 2Code, this is a way to organise a program into separate pages (tabs) of code.
Timer	Use this command to run a block of commands after a timed delay or at regular intervals.
Variable	A named area in computer memory. A variable has a name and a value. The program can change this variable value. Variables are used in programming to keep track of things that can change while a program is running.

Key Images



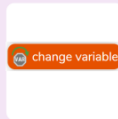
Design

Open design mode in 2Code.



Exit Design

Switch to code mode in 2Code.

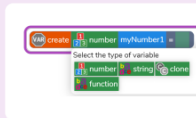


change variable

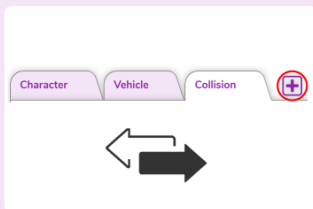
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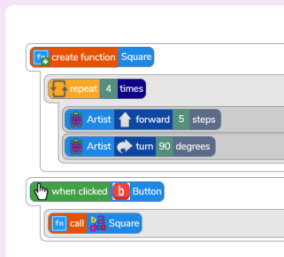
Example of combining variables and strings to print to the screen



Creating a variable in 2Code



Add a new Tab to your code or move code blocks between tabs



A function called 'square' that is called by clicking on a button called btnSquare.

Important icons



Tools



2Do's



2Chart



Free code gorilla

Key Question

What is a function in coding? Give an example that you have used in 2Code Gorilla.

A function is a block of code that you can access when you need it, so you don't have to rewrite the same block repeatedly. You call the function each time you want it. In a turtle program you could have a button that will make the turtle draw a square each time you click it. In the text adventure, there were functions for each room that were called when the user navigated to the room.

