

Before we begin, please  
download and install Sonic Pi  
[www.sonic-pi.net](http://www.sonic-pi.net)



# Making Music with Code

Jared O'Leary  
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# What's the plan?

- ▶ Sonic Pi  $\approx$  1 hour
- ▶ Break  $\approx$  10 minutes
- ▶ Scratch  $\approx$  1 hour and 30 minutes
- ▶ Discussion  $\approx$  20 minutes

# Some Context



# Technology Classes at Desert Thunder

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# Sonic Pi

# What is Sonic Pi?

- Composing
- Performing
- Improvising
- Aleatoric



# Some Bach and an infinite drumset

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# Hot Cross Buns

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# Setting our tempo

1. `use_bpm 144`



# Adding our notes

1. `use_bpm 144`
- 2.
3. `play :e`
4. `play :d`
5. `play :c`



# Separating our notes

1. use\_bpm 144
- 2.
3. play :e
4. sleep 2
5. play :d
6. sleep 2
7. play :c
8. sleep 4



# Defining a function

1. use\_bpm 144
- 2.
3. define :buns do
4. play :e
5. sleep 2
6. play :d
7. sleep 2
8. play :c
9. sleep 4
10. end



Congratulations,  
you recreated Cage's 4' 33"!



# Calling our function

3. define :buns do

4. play :e

5. sleep 2

6. play :d

7. sleep 2

8. play :c

9. sleep 4

10. end

11.

12. buns()

13. buns()



# Starting our next phrase

12. buns()

13. buns()

14.

15. play :c

16. sleep 1





# Using repeats

12. buns()

13. buns()

14. 4.times do

15. play :c

16. sleep 1

17. end



# Using repeats

```
12. buns()  
13. buns()  
14. 4.times do  
15.   play :c  
16.   sleep 1  
17. end  
18. 4.times do  
19.   play :d  
20.   sleep 1  
21. end
```



# Completing our song

```
12. buns()  
13. buns()  
14. 4.times do  
15.   play :c  
16.   sleep 1  
17. end  
18. 4.times do  
19.   play :d  
20.   sleep 1  
21. end  
22. buns()
```



# Changing our synth

1. use\_bpm 144
2. use\_synth :tri
- 3.
4. define :buns do
5.   play :e
6.   sleep 2
7.   play :d
8.   sleep 2
9.   play :c
10.  sleep 4
11. end



# Shaping our notes

1. use\_bpm 144
2. use\_synth :tri
- 3.
4. define :buns do
5.   play :e, release: 2
6.   sleep 2
7.   play :d, release: 2
8.   sleep 2
9.   play :c, release: 4
10.   sleep 4
11. end



# Adding effects

13.

14. `with_fx :echo do`

15. `buns()`

16. `buns()`

.....

24. `buns()`

25. `end`



# In a different buffer

1. `use_bpm 144`



# Creating our loop

1. use\_bpm 144
- 2.
3. live\_loop :perc do
4. end





# Metal

1. use\_bpm 144
- 2.
3. live\_loop :perc do
4.   sample :bd\_haus
5.   sleep 0.25
6. end



# EDM

1. use\_bpm 144
- 2.
3. live\_loop :perc do
4.   sample :bd\_haus if (spread 1, 4).tick
5.   sleep 0.25
6. end



# Adding in another rhythm

1. `use_bpm 144`
- 2.
3. `live_loop :perc do`
4. `sample :bd_haus if (spread 1, 4).tick`
5. `sample :elec_bong if (spread 3, 8).look`
6. `sleep 0.25`
7. `end`



## ...and another

1. use\_bpm 144
- 2.
3. live\_loop :perc do
4.   sample :bd\_haus if (spread 1, 4).tick
5.   sample :elec\_bong if (spread 3, 8).look
6.   sample :perc\_snap if (spread 3, 4).look
7.   sleep 0.25
8. end



# Adjusting our amplitude

1. `use_bpm 144`
- 2.
3. `live_loop :perc do`
4.   `sample :bd_haus if (spread 1, 4).tick`
5.   `sample :elec_bong if (spread 3, 8).look`
6.   `sample :perc_snap, amp: 0.3 if (spread 3, 4).look`
7.   `sleep 0.25`
8. `end`

# Back in our original buffer

12.

13. **define :song do**

14.   with\_fx :echo do

15.     buns()

16.     buns()

.....

25.     buns()

26.   end

**27. end**



# Press Run for Cage's encore

(there is a purpose for this)



# Hip cross buns

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- 2.
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4.   sample :bd\_haus if (spread 1, 4).tick
5.   sample :elec\_bong if (spread 3, 8).look
6.   sample :perc\_snap, amp: 0.3 if (spread 3, 4).look
7.   sleep 0.25
8. end
- 9.
10. **song()**



# Exploring Sonic Pi

- Sonic Pi's built-in help
  - Tutorials
  - Examples
  - Synths
  - Fx
  - Samples
  - Lang(uage)
- [www.JaredOLeary.com/sonic-pi](http://www.JaredOLeary.com/sonic-pi)

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10 Minute Break  
(feel free to ask me questions)

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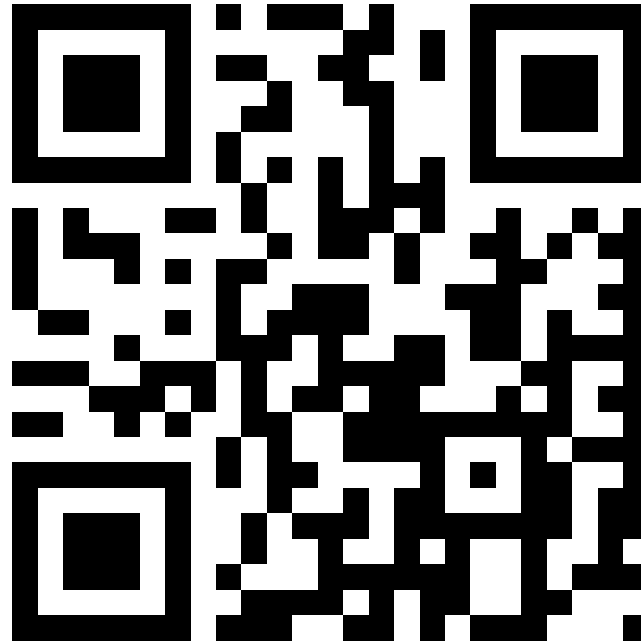
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# How to reach the resources

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  - Presentations
    - Making Music with Code (ISTE)



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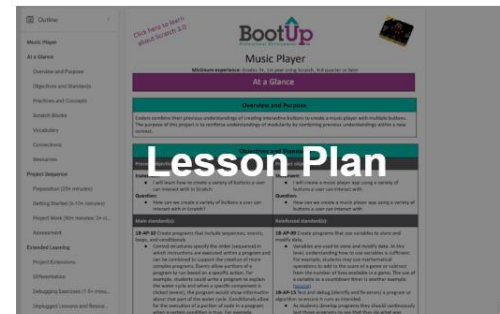
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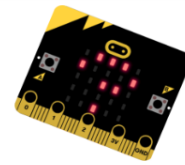
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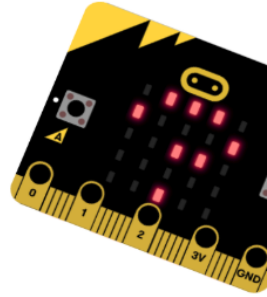
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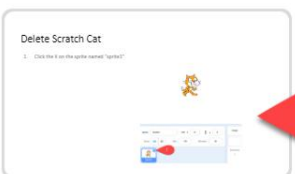
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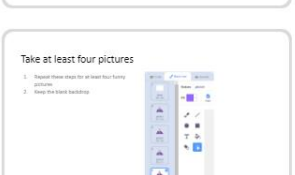
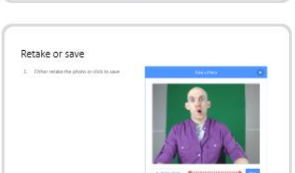
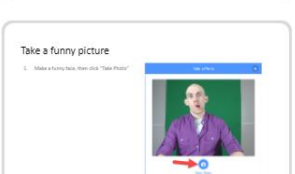
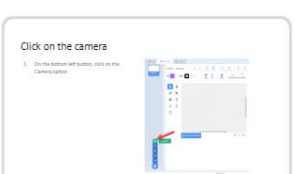
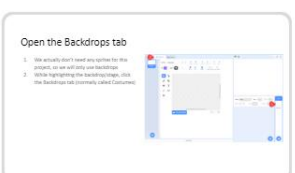
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Create Funny Backdrops





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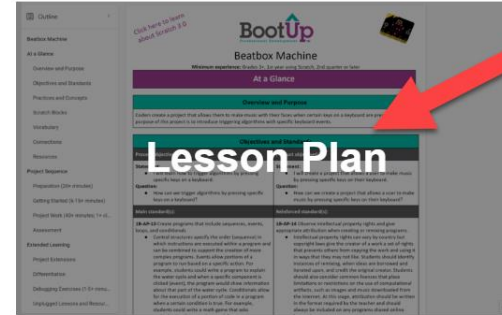
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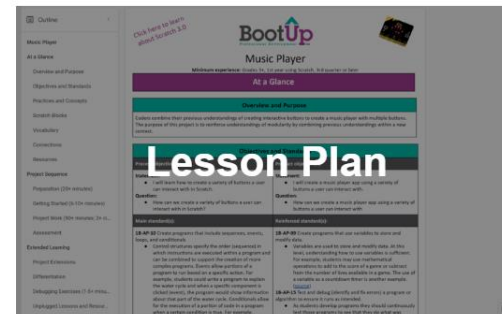
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# Dance Funky

Party

Previous  
Song

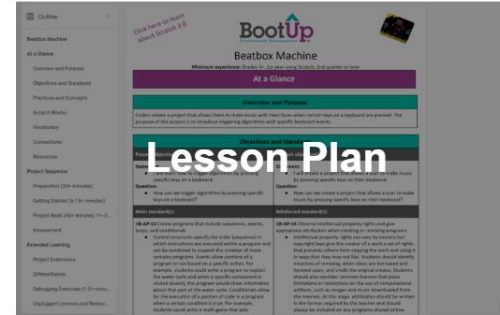
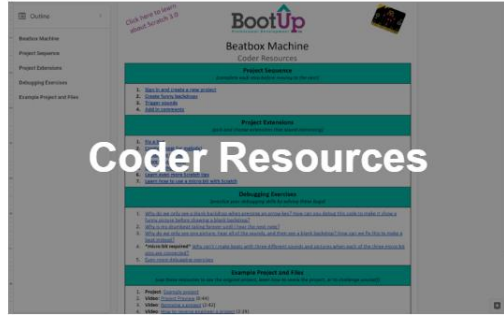
Stop  
Song

Next  
Song

Shuffle

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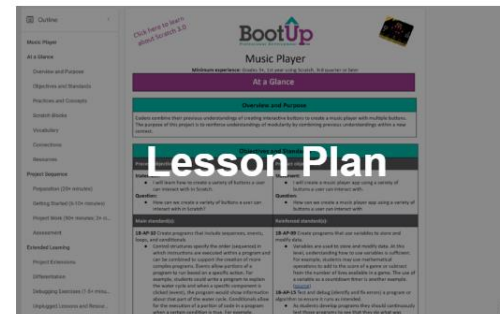
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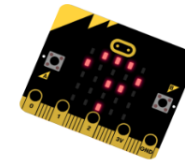
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2. [Add music and backdrops](#)
3. [Create a play and stop toggle](#)
  - a. Button review resources
    - i. [Create custom buttons](#)
    - ii. [Code your buttons](#)
4. [Create next and previous song buttons](#)
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6. Add even more functionality to your music player app
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2. [Create a shuffle toggle \(Advanced\)](#)
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1. [Why won't the music stop when you press the "stop" button?](#)
2. [Why doesn't the "next song" button switch backdrops but doesn't start playing the next song?](#)
3. [What's wrong with the play/stop toggle?](#)
4. **\*micro:bit required\*** [Why doesn't the shuffle button turn on or off when the B button is pressed on the micro:bit?](#)
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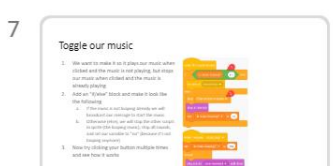
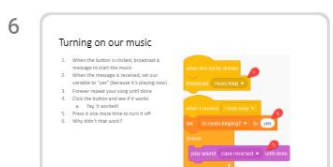
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## Scratch Tips

### Toggle Music with a Button



micro:bit Tips  
Create a Volume Meter with LEDs

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First time using a micro:bit?

1. If it's your first time using a micro:bit, you'll need to follow the steps in the [Getting Started](#) guide.



3



4

Here's the pattern

1. Set up your code with different blocks.
2. Make sure of a format and check how the blocks are going with your computer's microphone on.



5

Add many more if/else blocks

1. "else" the blocks from the "if" portion of the blocks will get a pattern like this.



6

Make the last "else" blank

1. Copy all the "if" conditions and the "else" "else" will use the code block of it.
2. If you have a blank, you will replace the microphone to not bring up enough sound for the LED meter.
3. Run the code and test it out.
4. Make sure you have enough volume in your code for your sound.



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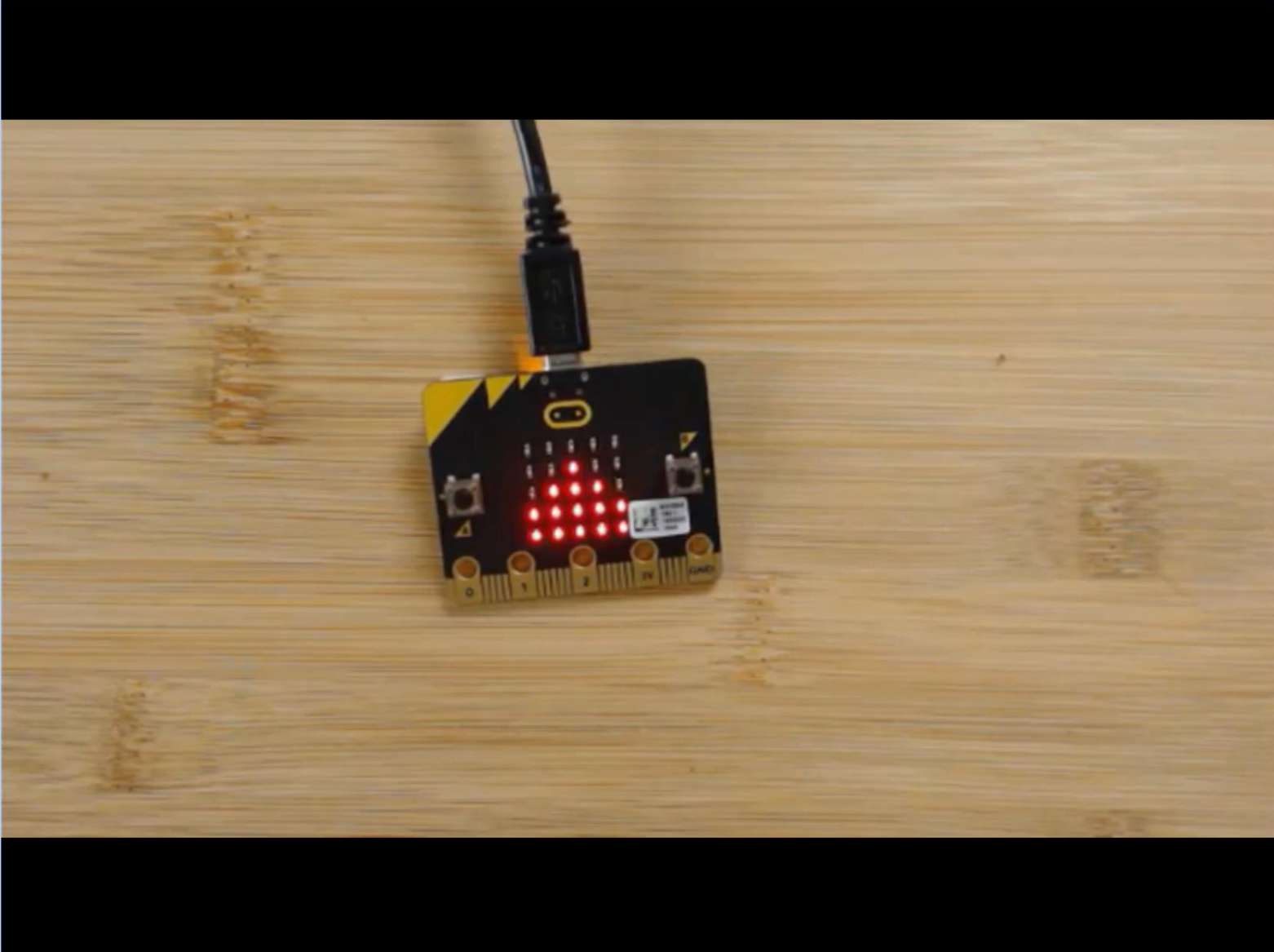
Try out different patterns

1. What other patterns could you use to display how loud the volume is?
2. What other sound blocks could you use with the LED?
3. How can you use the LED?

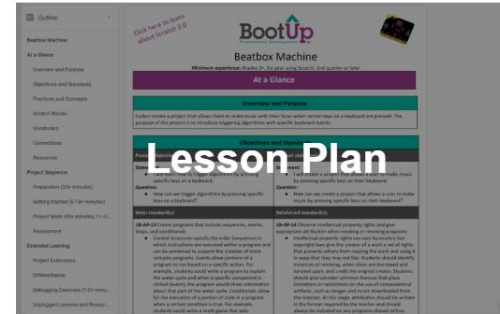


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Try out the examples on [the micro:bit page on Scratch](#)



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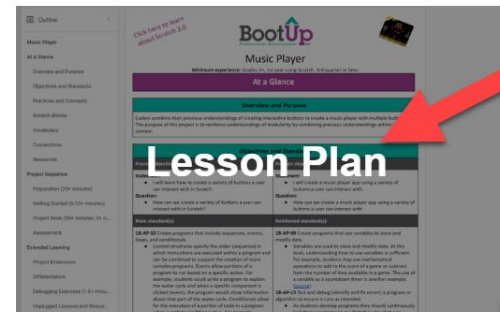
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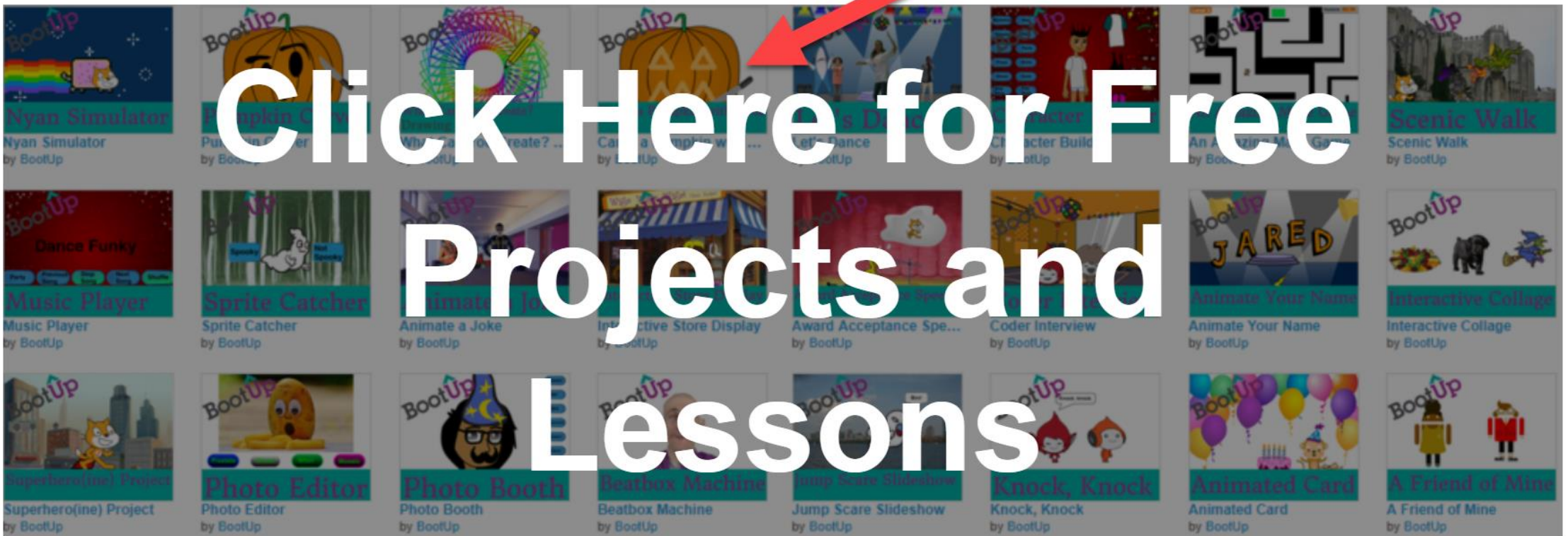
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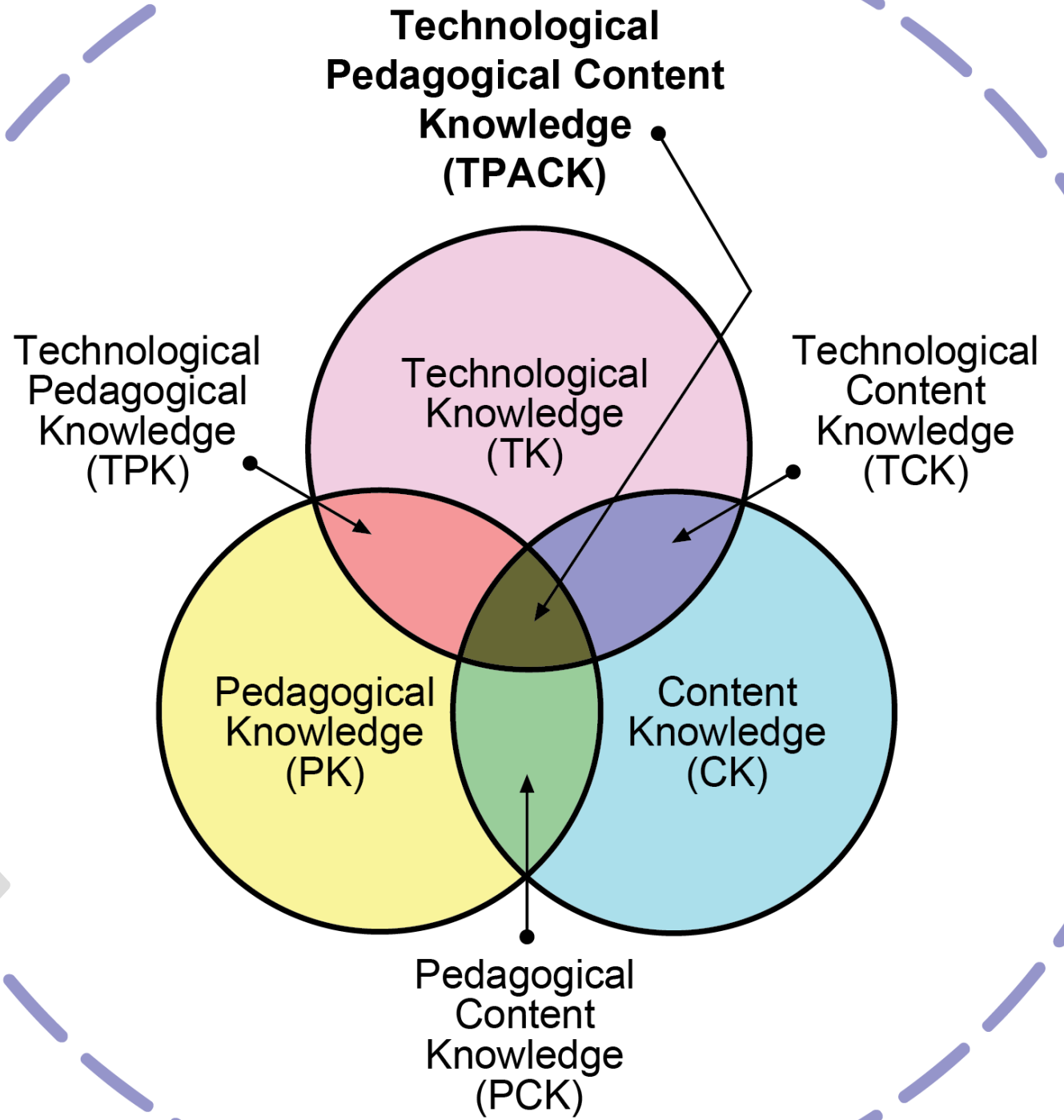
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# Discussion



# TPACK



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In an increasingly digital world, computer science plays a star role. The ISTE Standards-CSE describe what computer science teachers must know and effectively integrate these essential concepts.

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# CT COMPETENCIES

Read how this body of work complements the existing [CSTA K-12 Computer Science Standards for Students](#) and the [K-12 Computer Science Framework](#), and why ISTE created the [CT Competencies](#).

- 1 Computational Thinking (Learner) +
- 2 Equity Leader (Leader) +
- 3 Collaborating Around Computing (Collaborator) +
- 4 Creativity & Design (Designer) +
- 5 Integrating Computational Thinking (Facilitator) +

## EXPLORE THE STUDENT STANDARDS

1	<b>Empowered Learner</b>	Students leverage technology to take an active role in choosing, achieving and demonstrating competency in their learning goals, informed by the learning sciences.	+
2	<b>Digital Citizen</b>	Students recognize the rights, responsibilities and opportunities of living, learning and working in an interconnected digital world, and they act and model in ways that are safe, legal and ethical.	+
3	<b>Knowledge Constructor</b>	Students critically curate a variety of resources using digital tools to construct knowledge, produce creative artifacts and make meaningful learning experiences for themselves and others.	+
4	<b>Innovative Designer</b>	Students use a variety of technologies within a design process to identify and solve problems by creating new, useful or imaginative solutions.	+
5	<b>Computational Thinker</b>	Students develop and employ strategies for understanding and solving problems in ways that leverage the power of technological methods to develop and test solutions.	+
6	<b>Creative Communicator</b>	Students communicate clearly and express themselves creatively for a variety of purposes using the platforms, tools, styles, formats and digital media appropriate to their goals.	+
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## Music & Coding?

- If you've skimmed through my website, you've probably noticed some of my research interests and nexus I enjoy exploring: music, coding, technology, video games, participatory culture, and so on. I have divided my website into two main sections (computer programming and music education) in order to assist with finding resources I share with others. Despite this organizational divide, I believe the two overlap in ways that few discuss in either field. Borrowing from common programming syntax, I have chosen to label this page "music & coding" because I believe when someone codes music and sound projects, we cannot have an understanding of one without the other. Meaning, one uses (or develops) an understanding of both music and code when engaging in music and sound related coding projects. The following sections intend to parse out some of the specific music & coding examples found within the computer programming section.

## MAX/MSP

- MAX/MSP is a graphical programming language used by composers and artists to create interactive music and art software, installations, compositions, and more. I have used the language to create a few music tools and software that I have shared on my website. All of these projects are geared toward a high school and above level of understanding music & coding.
  - [Click here](#) to view all of the project files.

## Scratch

- Scratch is a block-based programming language developed by MIT and used by elementary through professional programmers to create and share media arts programs. I, and the kids I work with, have developed a variety of music and sound programs in Scratch. All of these projects are geared toward an elementary and above level of understanding music & coding.
  - [Click here](#) to check out some of the music and sound projects (and more) I have developed.
  - [Click here](#) to check out some of the music and sound projects the kids I work with have developed.
  - [Click here](#) to check out a music and sound studio that Jesse Rathgeber and myself curate.

## Sonic Pi

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- Sonic Pi is a platform that uses the programming language "Ruby" to create live music through code. All of these projects are geared toward an elementary and above level of understanding music & coding.

# Music & Coding



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# Upcoming sessions I'm presenting

- **Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**
  - **Designing and Facilitating a Media Arts and Technology Makerspace**
    - *3:30-4:00 pm in location 122B*
    - *Note, I'm the second half of the session as there is a different presenter from 3:00-3:30*
- **Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Project-based Learning with Scratch**
    - *4:00-5:00 pm in location 118B*
    - *Registration code: **BYOD243***

# Let's talk or explore

- ▶ [www.JaredOLEary.com](http://www.JaredOLEary.com)
  - ▶ Presentations
    - ▶ Making Music with Code (ISTE)

