

# Sketchlet Tutorial

## Scripting

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# Scripts

- In Sketchlet scripting languages can be used to quickly outline the behavior of sketches
- Scripts are proven, highly productive and simple to learn and use end-user development paradigm
- Define more complex interaction scenarios, without requiring intensive programming



# Scripts

- We currently support several higher-level scripting languages including Javascript, Python, BeanShell, and Groovy (experimental support for Ruby, TCL, Sleep, Haskell, and Prolog)



# Sketchlet Extends Scripting Languages

- Sketchlet Scripting Extensions
  - Working with Variables
  - Getting User Input
  - Working with Region and Sketch Properties
  - Pause and Wait
  - Graphics



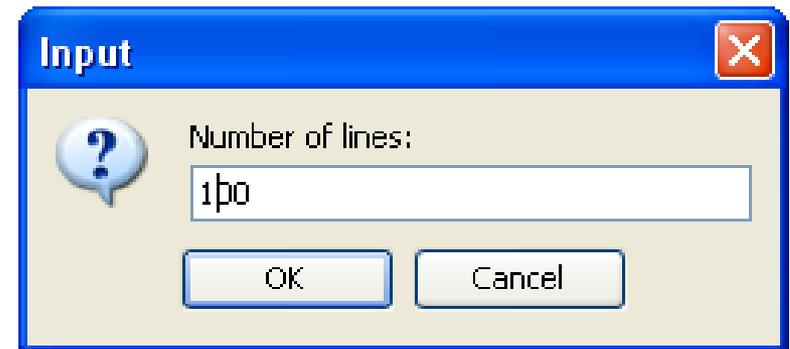
# Extensions – Working with Variables

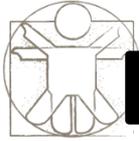
- **sketchlet.update**(String variable, String value)
- **sketchlet.update**(String variable, int value)
- **sketchlet.update**(String variable, double value)
- String **sketchlet.get**(String variable)
- String **sketchlet.getString**(String variable)
- int **sketchlet.getInteger**(String variable)
- double **sketchlet.getDouble**(String variable)
- int **sketchlet.getCount**(String variable)
- int **sketchlet.getTimestamp**(String variable)



# Extensions – Showing Message and Getting User Input

- `sketchlet.showMessage(String message)`
- `String sketchlet.ask(String question)`
- `String sketchlet.askString(String question)`
- `int sketchlet.askInteger(String question)`
- `double sketchlet.askDouble(String question)`





# Extensions – Working with Region Properties

- **setRegionProperty**(int number, String property, String value)
- **setRegionProperty**(int number, String property, int value)
- **setRegionProperty**(int number, String property, double value)
- String **getRegionProperty**(int number, String property)
- String **getRegionPropertyAsString**(int number, String property)
- int **getRegionPropertyAsInteger**(int number, String property)
- double **getRegionPropertyAsDouble**(int number, String property)



<b>Position</b>	
position x	horizontal position (left, 0 to 1000)
position y	vertical position (top, 0 to 1000)
relative x	relative horizontal position (0.0 to 1.0)
relative y	vertical position (0.0 to 1.0)
trajectory position	0.0 to 1.0
<b>Size</b>	
width	region width
height	region height
<b>Orientation</b>	
rotation	angle
<b>Transparency</b>	
transparency	0.0 to 1.0
<b>Visible area</b>	
visible area x	
visible area y	
visible area width	
visible area height	
<b>Motion</b>	
speed	pixels per second
direction	angle
<b>Pen</b>	
pen thickness	0, 1, 2...

<b>Advanced / Coordinates</b>	
x1	
y1	
x2	
y2	
<b>Advanced / Sheer</b>	
shear x	0.0 to 1.0
shear y	0.0 to 1.0
<b>Advanced / 3D</b>	
horizontal 3d rotation	0 to 360
vertical 3d rotation	0 to 360
<b>Advanced / Perspective</b>	
perspective x1	0 to 1, x top left corner
perspective y1	0 to 1, y top left corner
perspective x2	0 to 1, x top right corner
perspective y2	0 to 1, y top right corner
perspective x3	0 to 1, x bottom right corner
perspective y3	0 to 1, y bottom right corner
perspective x4	0 to 1, x bottom left corner
perspective y4	0 to 1, y bottom left corner
automatic perspective	left, right, top, bottom, parallel
perspective depth	relative perceptible depth 0.0 to 1.0



# Extensions – Working with Sketch Properties

- **setSketchProperty**(String property, String value)
- **setSketchProperty**(String property, int value)
- **setSketchProperty**(String property, double value)
- String **getSketchProperty**(String property)
- String **getSketchPropertyAsString**(String property)
- int **getSketchPropertyAsInteger**(String property)
- double **getSketchPropertyAsDouble**(String property)



Settings panel with tabs: Set Properties (selected), Animate Properties, Map to Numeric Variables.

Left sidebar:  -  -

Property	Value	Description
<b>Color</b>		
background color		red, blue, green, gray, yellow...
transparency		0.0 .. 1.0
<b>Zoom</b>		
		<b>1.0 means 100%</b>
zoom		1.0 means 100%
zoom center x		default is 0
zoom center y		default is 0
<b>Offset</b>		
background offset x		
background offset y		
regions offset x		
regions offset y		
<b>Perspective</b>		
perspective type		1 point or two point
perspective y		horizon
perspective x1		point 1 on the horizon
perspective x2		point 2 on the horizon

Right sidebar: [Explore](#)



# Extensions – Pause and Wait

- **sketchlet.pause**(double seconds)
- **sketchlet.waitForUpdate**(String variable)
- **sketchlet.waitUntil**(String expression)



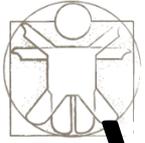
# Extensions – Graphics

- **graphics.clearCanvas()**
- **graphics.repaint()**
- **graphics.setColor(int r, int g, int b)**
- **graphics.setColor(int r, int g, int b, int transparency)**
- **graphics.setTransparency(float transparency)**
- **graphics.setLineWidth(double width)**
- **graphics.setFont(String name, String style, int size)**
- **graphics.translate(int x, int y)**
- **graphics.rotate(double angle, int x, int y)**
- **graphics.scale(double x, double y)**
- **graphics.shear(double x, double y)};**



# Extensions – Graphics

- **sketchlet.drawText**(String text, int x, int y)
- **sketchlet.drawLine**(int x1, int y1, int x2, int y2)
- **sketchlet.drawRect**(int x, int y, int w, int h)
- **sketchlet.drawEllipse**(int x, int y, int w, int h)
- **sketchlet.drawCircle**(int center\_x, int center\_y, int r)
- **sketchlet.fillRect**(int x, int y, int w, int h)
- **sketchlet.fillEllipse**(int x, int y, int w, int h)
- **sketchlet.fillCircle**(int center\_x, int center\_y, int r)
- **sketchlet.drawImage**(String strPathOrURL, int x, int y)
- **sketchlet.drawImage**(String strPathOrURL, int x, int y, int w, int h)
- **sketchlet.getTextWidth**(String text)
- **sketchlet.getTextHeight**(String text)



# Variable Declarations Inside Scripts

- When a script is called, Sketchlet variables will be redeclared within the script
  - Variables may be renamed to satisfy naming convention of scripting languages

Sketchlet Variable Name	Declaration in scripts
position x	position_x
motion-intensity	motion_intensity
a	a

- Read-only, use *sketchlet.update* to change the value of a Sketchlet variable



# Script Editor

The screenshot displays the Sketch 4 application window. The main canvas shows a series of horizontal lines that are more densely packed on the left and become more sparse towards the right, creating a perspective effect. The interface includes a menu bar (Sketchlet, Edit, Variable, I/O Service, Script, External Tools, Settings, View, Blog), a toolbar with various icons, and a sidebar on the left with drawing tools. At the bottom, there is a script editor window with two tabs: 'clear.js' and 'script.js'. The 'script.js' tab is active, showing the following code:

```
1 amico.clearCanvas();
2 n = amico.askInteger("Number of lines:");
3 for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
4   amico.drawLine(i * 10, 100, i * 20, 200);
5 }
6
```

To the right of the script editor is a 'Variables' panel with a table of system variables:

Variable Name	Value	Descr
time_hour	10	
time_minute	15	
time_second	34	
mobile-image-path	C:\DOCUME~1\ZO...	
mobile-image-base64		
sms-send-number	number	
sms-send-message	message	
sms-received-from	number	
sms-received-message	message	
mobile-text-alert	message	
mobile-vibration	1000	
mobile-screen-width	240	
mobile-screen-height	235	
mobile-key-pressed	?	
mobile-key-code	50	

At the bottom right, there is a 'Scripts' panel with a table showing the execution status of the scripts:

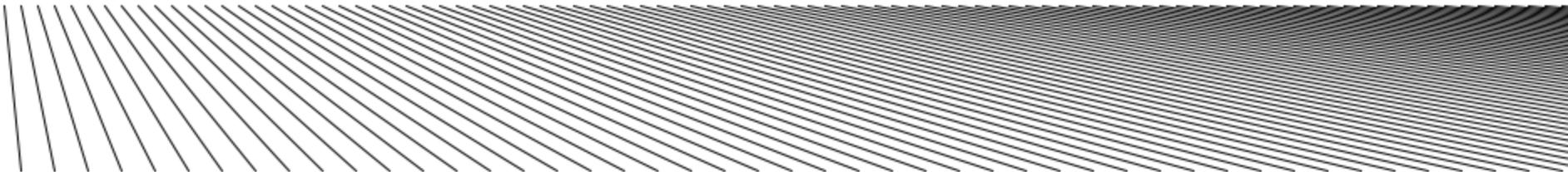
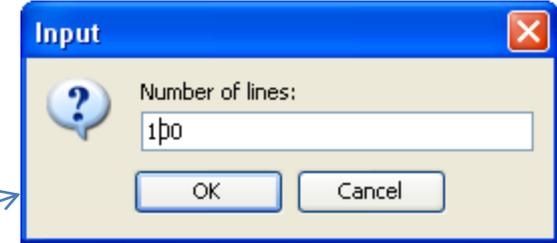
Script file	Status
clear.js	
script.js	done

The status bar at the bottom left indicates 'Sketching mode'.



# Example

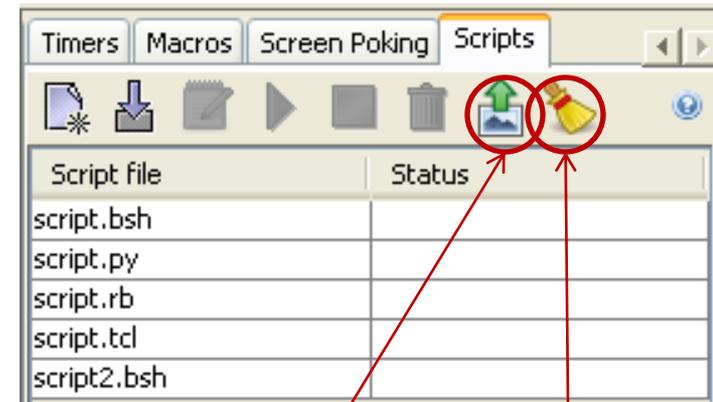
```
graphics.clearCanvas();  
n = sketchlet.askInteger("Number of lines:");  
for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
    graphics.drawLine(i * 10, 100, i * 20, 200);  
}
```





# Merging Image Generated by Scripts and Background Sketch Image

- Scripts draw in a separate layer on top of the sketch
- The image from this layer can be merged with the background sketch image (i.e. it becomes a part of that image)



Merge the image generated by scripts with the background sketch image

Clear the image generated by scripts



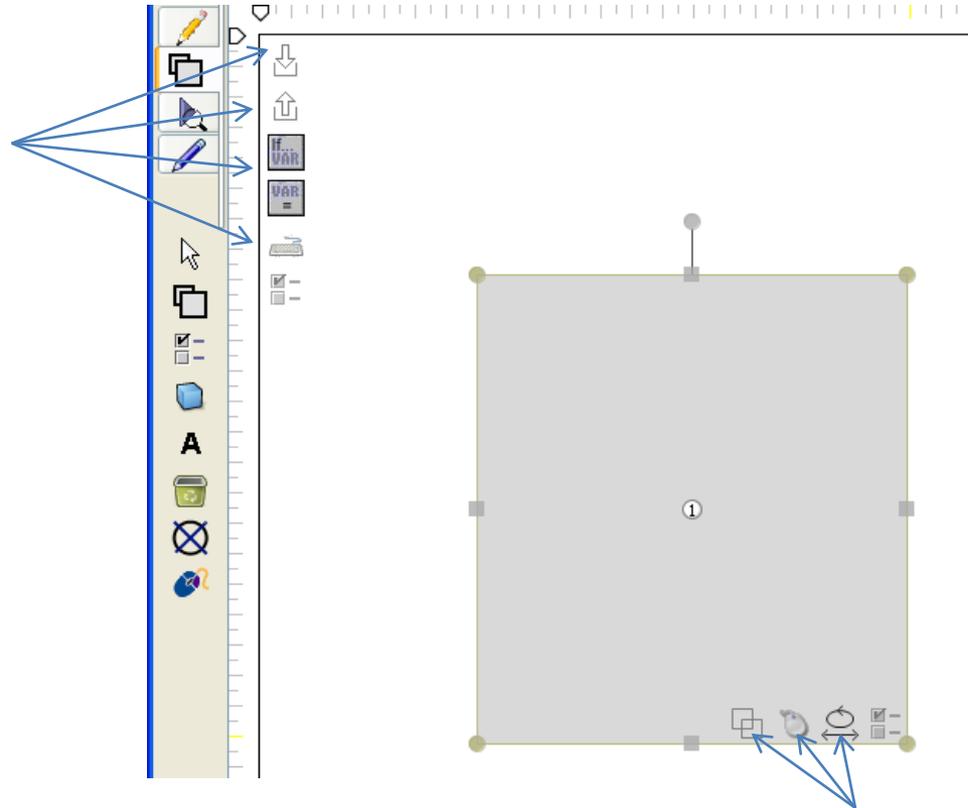
# Calling Scripts

- Scripts can be called from several places
  - On active region mouse events
  - On sketch events (entry or exit)
  - On variable updates ("On Variable Update" actions)
  - On keyboard events
  - From other macros, as one of the commands
- Drag-and-Drop on any sketch or region event
- Directly specify in settings

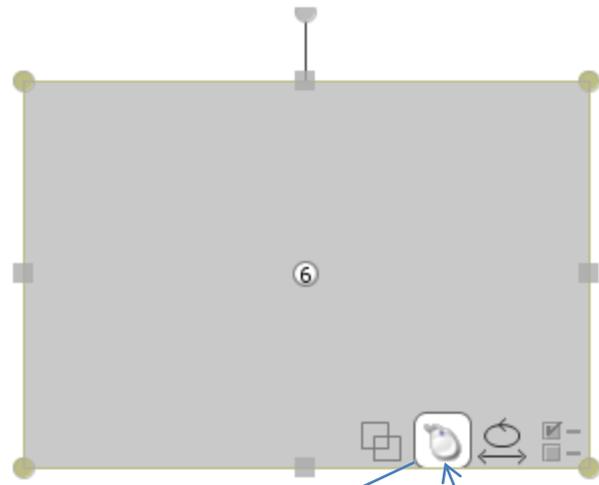


# Drop Event Anchors

Anchors for connecting sketch events (on entry, on exit, on variable update, on keyboard event) by drag-and-drop of variables, timers and macros. You can also double-click on these icons to open current settings for these events and properties.



Anchors for connecting region events (region overlap, discrete mouse events, continues mouse events) by drag-and-drop of variables, timers and macros. You can also double-click on these icons to open current settings for these events and properties.



Drag-and-drop of the script on the mouse event icon of the active region.

**Mouse Event**

Mouse Event: Left Button Press

Action: Start macro

Param1: Script:script.js

Param2:

OK Cancel

Timers Macros Screen Poking **Scripts**

Script file Status

script.js	
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# Directly Specify in Settings

The screenshot shows a settings panel with four tabs: "On Entry", "On Exit", "On Variable Updates", and "On Keyboard Events". The "On Entry" tab is selected. Below the tabs is a list of macro actions. The first action is "Start macro", and the second is "Macro 1". To the right of the list are icons for adding, deleting, and moving items. At the bottom, there is a "Repeat:" dropdown set to "1", and buttons for "Complete Blocks", "Reset", and "Test". A checkbox for "highlight execution" is also present.

The screenshot shows a table with columns for "Image", "Mouse Event", "Action", "Param1", and "Param2". The "Mouse Events" category is selected in the left sidebar. The first row is highlighted and shows "Left Button Press" for the Mouse Event, "Start macro" for the Action, and "Macro 1" for Param1.

Image	Mouse Event	Action	Param1	Param2
Properties	Left Button Press	Start macro	Macro 1	
Move & Rotate	Left Button Press	Variable update		
Mouse Events				
Overlap & Touch				
Embedded Sketch				



# To Learn More About Scripting Languages

- JavaScript
  - <http://www.w3schools.com/js>
  - <https://developer.mozilla.org/en/JavaScript>
  - [https://developer.mozilla.org/en/A re-introduction to JavaScript](https://developer.mozilla.org/en/A_re-introduction_to_JavaScript)
- BeanShell
  - <http://www.beanshell.org/>
- Groovy
  - <http://groovy.codehaus.org/>
- Python
  - <http://www.python.org/>
- ...