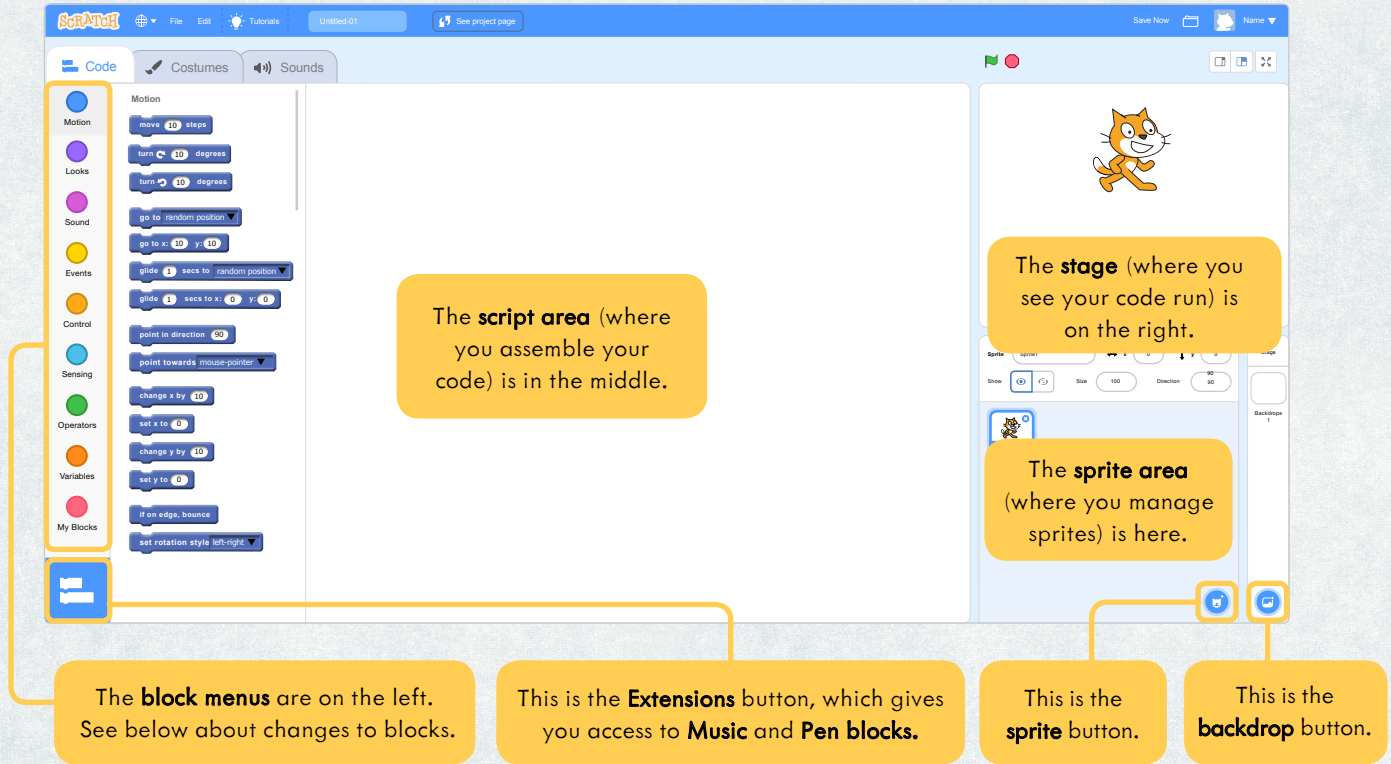# Using Scratch 3

Scratch 3 is very similar to earlier versions of Scratch. The biggest difference is a new screen layout. Some of the block menus have also been updated.

This is the Scratch 3 screen.

The **script area** (where you assemble your code) is in the middle.

The **stage** (where you see your code run) is on the right.

The **sprite area** (where you manage sprites) is here.

The **block menus** are on the left. See below about changes to blocks.

This is the **Extensions** button, which gives you access to **Music** and **Pen blocks.**

This is the **sprite** button.

This is the **backdrop** button.

Block menus

The old **Data menu** is now known as **Variables.**

Variables

More Blocks is now known as **My Blocks.**

My Blocks

Block names

The old **play sound** block is now called **start sound.**
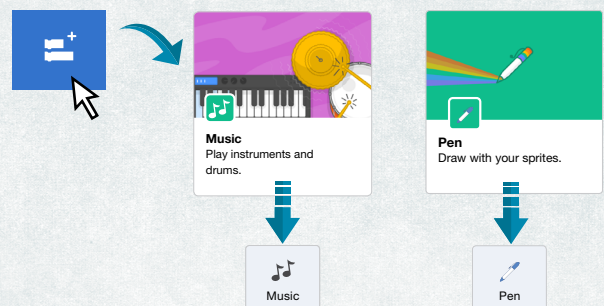
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The old **clear** block is now called **erase all** (from **Pen** in **Extensions.**)
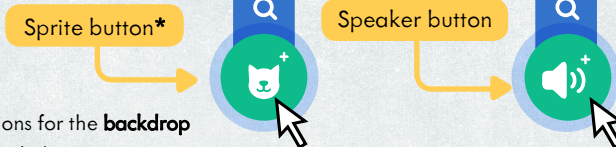
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Extensions

The **Pen menu** and the new **Music menu** are not on the main screen. To access these, click the **Extensions** button at the bottom of the **Block menus.**

Select **Pen** or **Music,** and a new menu will appear below the **Block menus.**

Music
Play instruments and drums.

Pen
Draw with your sprites.

Music

Pen

Accessing tools

To access the **Paint tools,** or to upload a sprite or backdrop, hover the mouse over the **sprite** or **backdrop** button and the options will pop up.

Upload

Paint

Record

Sprite button*

Speaker button

To record or upload sounds, click on the **Sounds** tab at the top of the screen. The **speaker** button will appear at the bottom of the page. Hover the mouse over it to make the options appear.

* The options for the **backdrop** button look the same.