

Federation of Scratch Websites

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The Scratch online community has grown rapidly since the public launch of the MIT Scratch website in May 2007 (<http://scratch.mit.edu>). As the Scratch community expands worldwide, there is a growing demand for separate online communities based on language, culture, or geography. To meet this need, we are establishing a **Federation of Scratch Websites**, with each local website serving a particular language, culture, or geographic region.

Each Federation website will be operated independently by a local organization. The MIT Scratch website will include links to all local websites of the Federation.

To join the Federation, a local organization must possess three qualities:

- **Technical expertise**, to maintain the webserver
 - set up hardware and software for the webserver
 - continue to maintain, update, and enhance the server
 - distribute latest software updates from MIT in a timely manner
 - collaborate with MIT Scratch Team on sharing projects and usage data
- **Educational expertise**, to support the online community and local educators
 - respond to questions from the online community
 - participate actively in online discussions
 - monitor for inappropriate content (censoring when necessary)
 - feature creative projects and galleries on the local website
 - model and encourage respectful interaction within the community
 - coordinate activities with local educators using Scratch
 - help with translation of software and educational support materials
- **Financial resources**, to ensure long-term sustainability
 - support staffing and technical enhancements for the local website
 - become a sponsor of ScratchLabs, to support continuing R&D

Members of the Federation of Scratch Websites will have the rights to:

- distribute a special version of Scratch for sharing projects on the local website
- get access to all Scratch-related software developed by the MIT Scratch Team
- receive advice and guidance from the MIT Scratch Team

Local websites must include the following disclaimer on the “About” page and on the “Terms of Use” page:

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