

Algorithms & Programming: Modularity (2) Grade: 4

Standard: 4.AP.M.02

Modify, remix, or incorporate portions of an existing program into one's own work, to develop or add more advanced features (grade-level appropriate).

Essential Skills

Add a portion of an existing computer program to an original project in order to add a new element or capability.

Essential Questions

Why would you **remix** a **computer program** written by someone else?

How could you use part of a computer program another person has written to make your program better?

Explanation

Students will examine examples of existing **computer programs** and select features that they want to incorporate into their own program. In order to be successful, students must demonstrate an understanding of the original **code**, of the impact of adding the code to their own program, and of the modifications to borrowed code that are necessary to produce the desired effect in their own program.

Think of this as similar to...

Reuse elements of a familiar story to create a fractured fairy tale or fan fiction.

Implementation Examples—What would this look like in the classroom?

Title	Description	Link	Content Connection & Notes
Build My City	<p>Grade 3--Students will review key programming concepts in the Build My City project. A demo project is used to explain the design requirements and expectations. Students create their own program, modifying the demo code so that it reflects their plan.</p> <p>Grade 4--Students revise the demo program and incorporate it into a program that they create so it reflects their plan.</p> <p>Grade 5--Students explore what others have done and remix others' code into their project to add elements.</p>	Build My City	This also aligns with CS AP.PD.01 and AP.PD.04 . Similar skills and concepts can be used in an About Me or Superhero project.
Alien Dance Party with Sprite Lab	Grade 4 --Students create their own "alien dance party"; as the lesson progression they incorporate code that they have been using to explore events in programming.	Alien Dance Party	
Introducing Variables	<p>Grade 4--Students will use the starter code to keep score in a game. They then use that code when they program a new game or add to an existing program.</p> <p>Grade 5--Students should remix the score keeping code they develop with code from a game (can be chase game, clicker game, pong game from Scratch tutorials or another game) and make them work together to form their own game.</p>	See page 16 of the Blue Level Workbook .	This lesson also aligns with CS AP.PD.01 . It is from Introducing Variables from CSinSF.

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