

4.1 Procedure

Important!!

Please disinfectize your hands before entering the classroom!

入室前にアルコールを使用して手指消毒を行ってください。

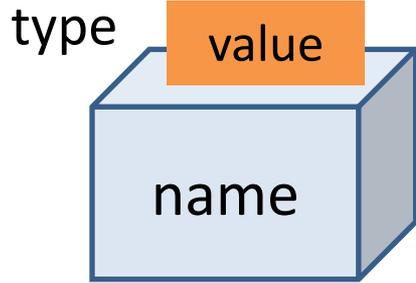
Please disinfectize your chair and table!

- ①ペーパーにアルコールを噴霧してください。
- ②アルコールが噴霧されたペーパーで、使用箇所（テーブル、椅子など）を拭き取ってください。
- ③使用済のペーパーは廊下のごみ箱に捨ててください。



1. Recap of Week 3

Variable (変数)



- A variable is a storage location in the memory
- A variable has three elements: name (変数名), value (数値) and type (変数の型)
- Variable type could be integer, double, string, boolean, etc.



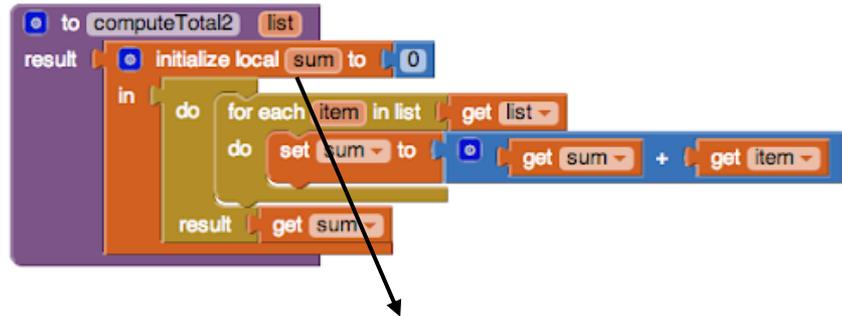
- Variable names should be descriptive
- Avoid using space in variable names

Variable Scope and Initialization

- Global variables are valid for the whole program; local variables are only valid for one place (e.g., in one block)
- Both global and local variables need to be initialized first

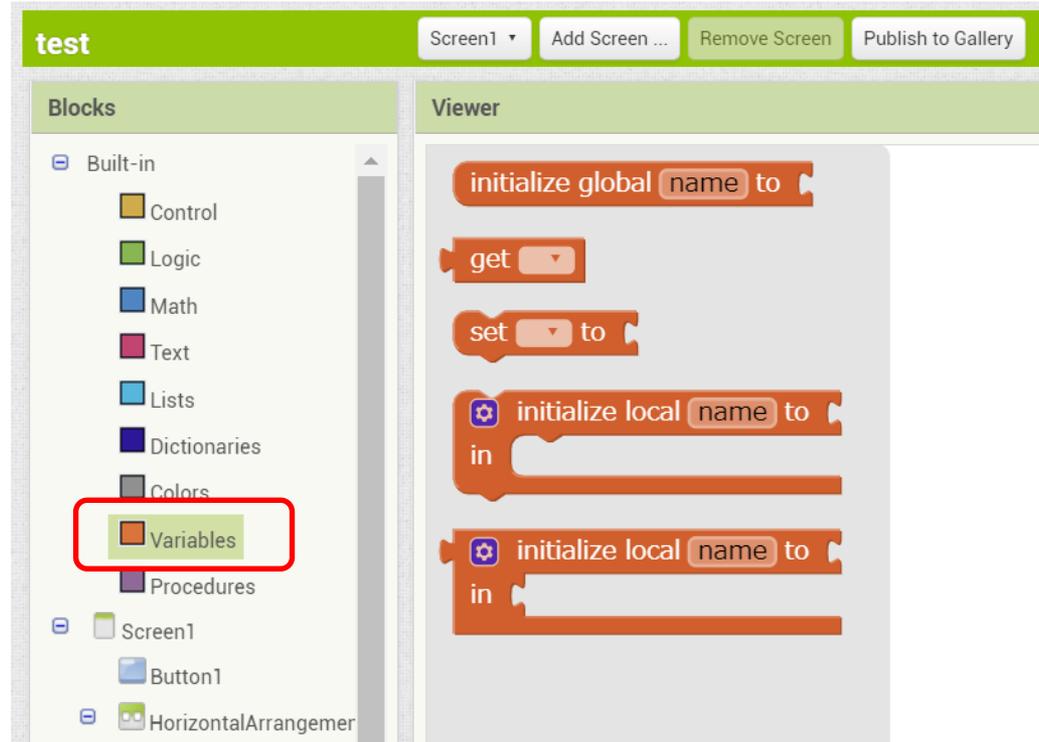


Initialize a global variable called 'score' and set it to 0



Initialize a local variable called 'sum' and set it to 0; this variable is only valid inside this block

Five Main Types of Variable Blocks



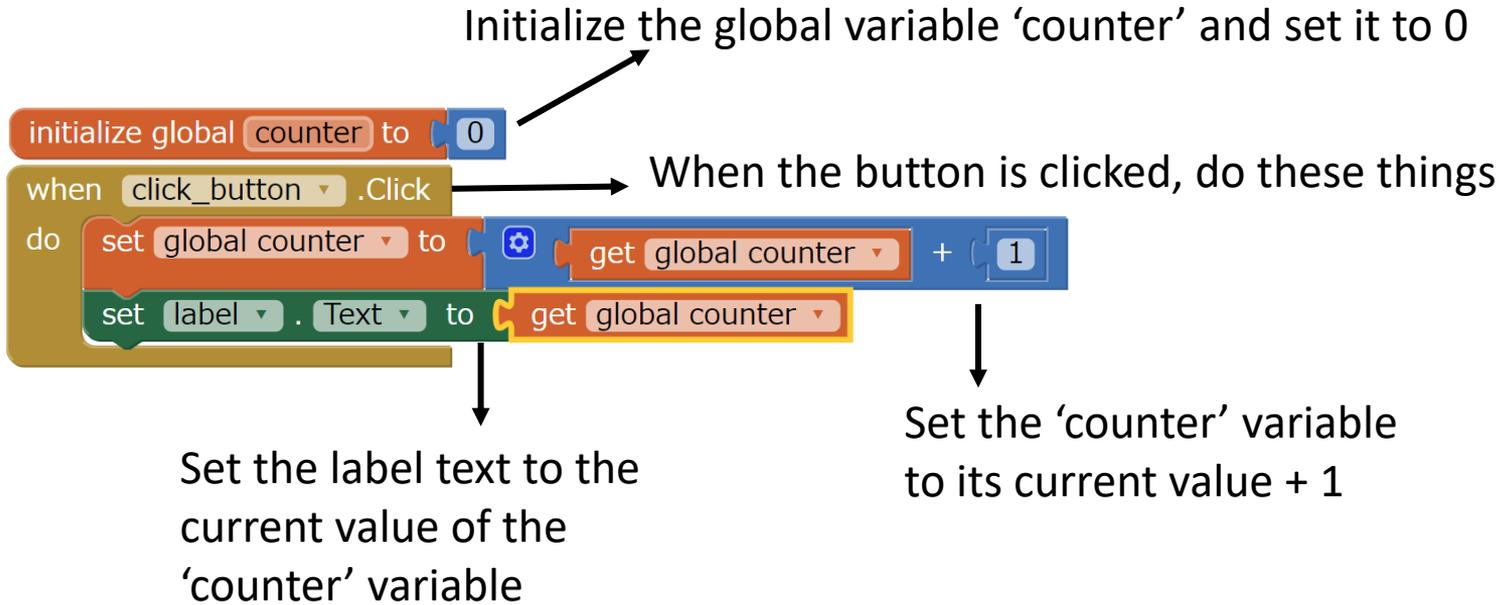
Counter App

In the hands-on tutorial last week, we made a counter app. Every time you click the button, the counter will increase by 1.



Code Anatomy

Let's review the blocks code of the Counter App we made last week.



2. Procedure

How to make 肉じゃが



Procedure (手順)

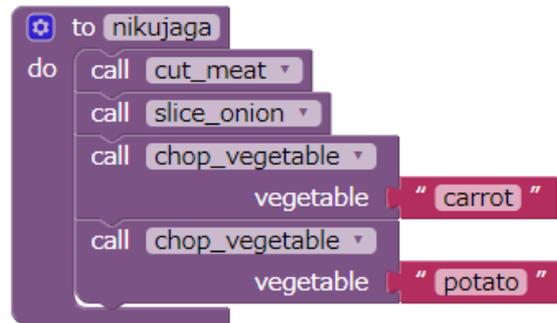
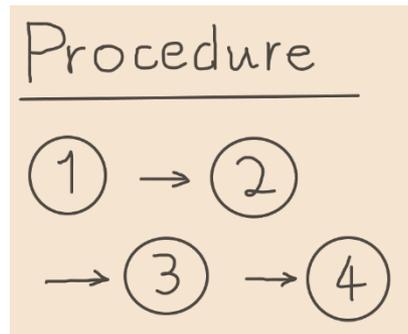
1. Start by cutting up the meat and onion into thin slices. Peel the carrots and potatoes and then chop into bite-size pieces.
2. Warm some vegetable oil in a frying pan, then add the onions cook over a medium heat for a few moments before adding the meat and letting it cook. After that, add in the potatoes and carrots.
3. ...

Procedure

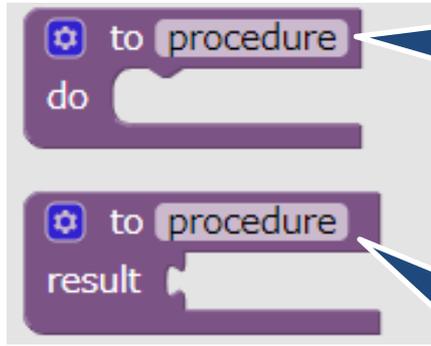
A procedure is a **set of instructions** that is grouped together, given a name, and can perform specific tasks. It may also be called a function in programming.

For example, a recipe for 肉じゃが is an example of a procedure. The cook must follow the instructions step-by-step to produce the dish.

We use 'Procedures' in the blocks pane to create new procedures that we can use repeatedly



Two Types of Procedure in App Inventor

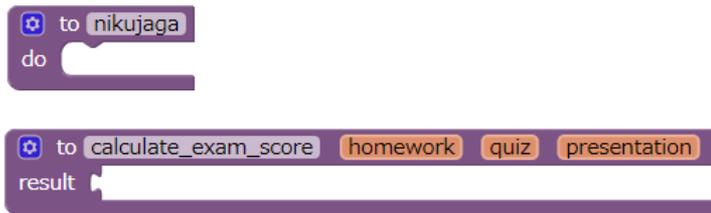


This type of procedure only do something; when this procedure is called, a set of actions will be performed.

This type of procedure returns some value. When this procedure is called, a set of actions will be performed, and a result will be generated and returned.

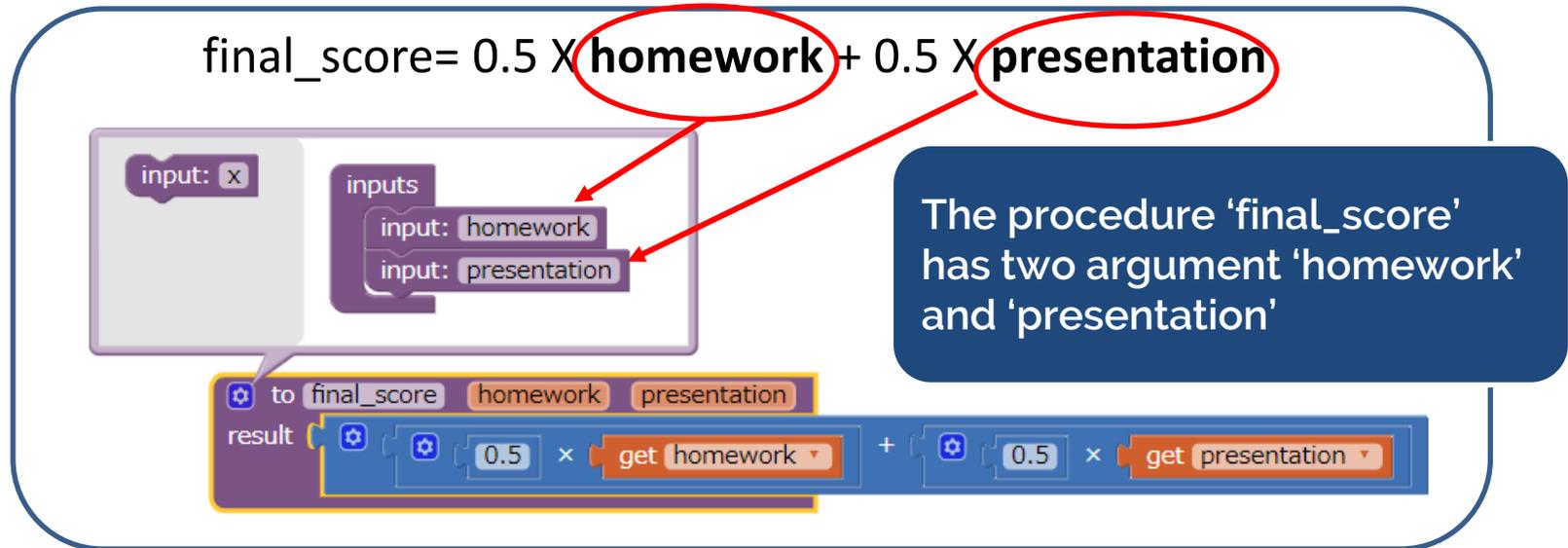
Procedure Name

- When you create a new procedure block, App Inventor chooses a unique name automatically. You can change the name.
- Procedure names in an app must be unique. App Inventor will not let you define two procedures in the same app with the same name.
- You can rename a procedure at any time while you are building the app. App Inventor will automatically rename the associated call blocks to match.

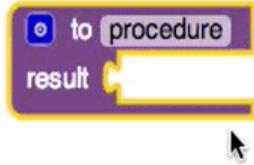


Procedure Argument

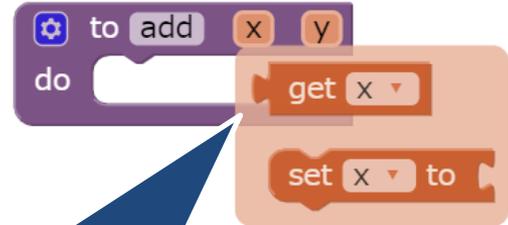
- An argument is an **input** to a procedure. It's similar to the concept of 'independent variable' in mathematical functions.
- Some procedures require knowing some bits of information that change how the procedure is run.



Add Argument in Procedure



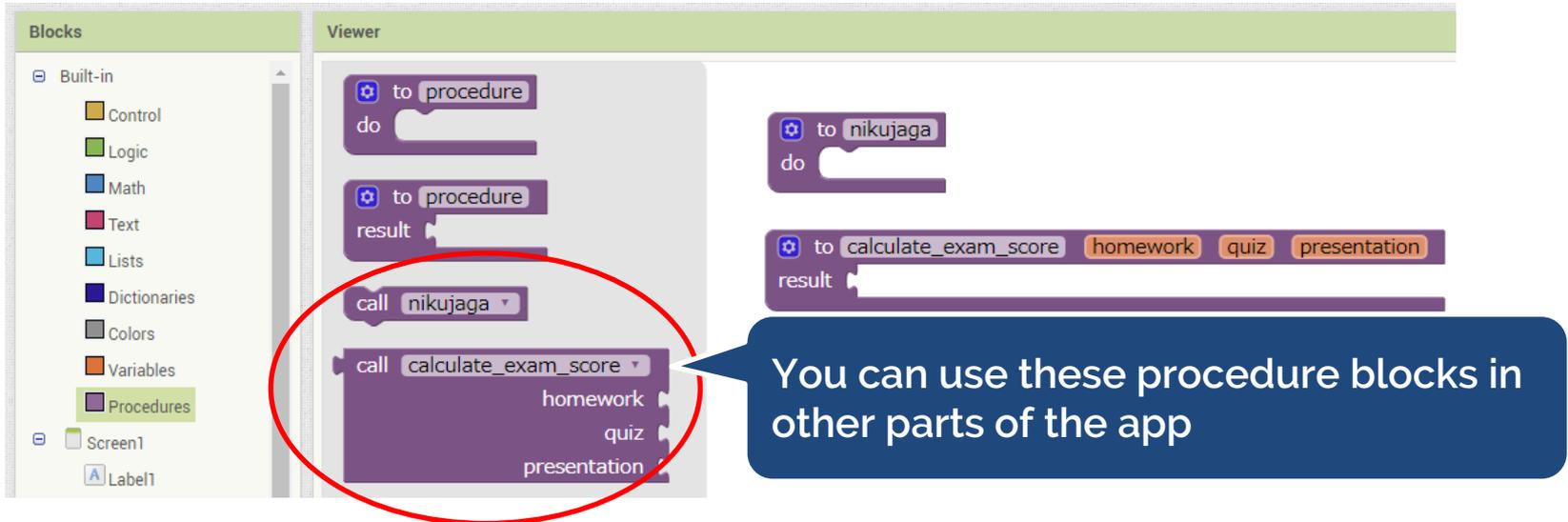
When you create a procedure, you can use the mutator button to add arguments.



By hovering your mouse over an argument, you will see a get and set block appear.

Procedure in App Inventor

When you create a procedure, App Inventor automatically generates a call block and places it in the 'Procedures' drawer. You use the call block to invoke the procedure.

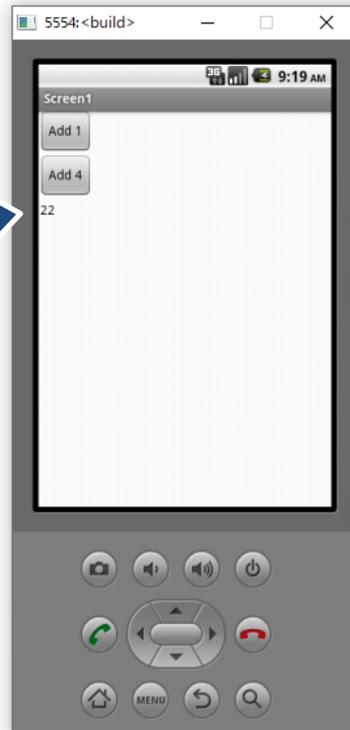


The screenshot displays the App Inventor interface. On the left, the 'Blocks' panel shows the 'Procedures' category selected. In the 'Viewer' area, several procedure blocks are visible. A red circle highlights a 'call calculate_exam_score' block with arguments 'homework', 'quiz', and 'presentation'. A blue callout bubble points to this block with the text: 'You can use these procedure blocks in other parts of the app'. Other blocks include 'to procedure' blocks and a 'call nikujaga' block.

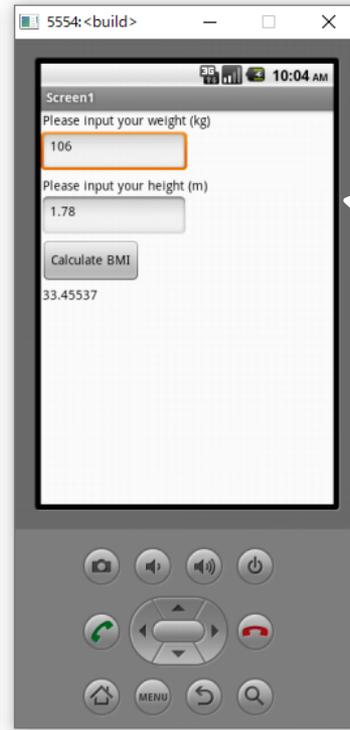
Preview of Hands-on Tasks

We'll make two apps today

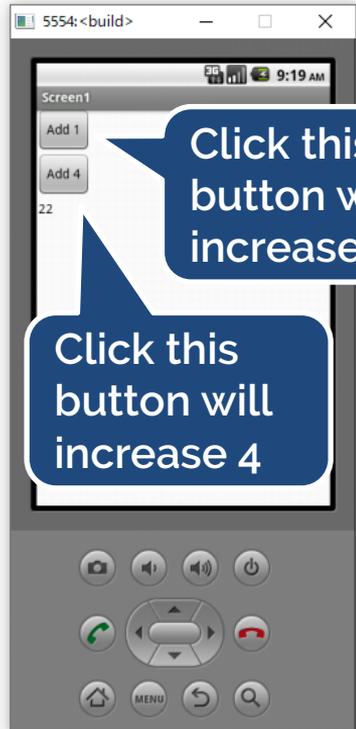
The counter app will use the 'to-do' procedure



The BMI calculator app will use the 'to-result' procedure



Code Anatomy: Counter App



`initialize global counter to 0` → Initialize the global variable 'counter' and set it to 0

`to procedure n`
`do`
`set global counter to get global counter + get n` → Define a 'procedure' that takes in the argument 'n', increase the counter by 'n', and show the result in the label
`set result .Text to get global counter`

`when add1 .Click` → When 'add1' button is clicked, call 'procedure' and pass the argument 'n=1'
`do`
`call procedure n 1`

`when add2 .Click` → When 'add2' button is clicked, call 'procedure' and pass the argument 'n=4'
`do`
`call procedure n 4`

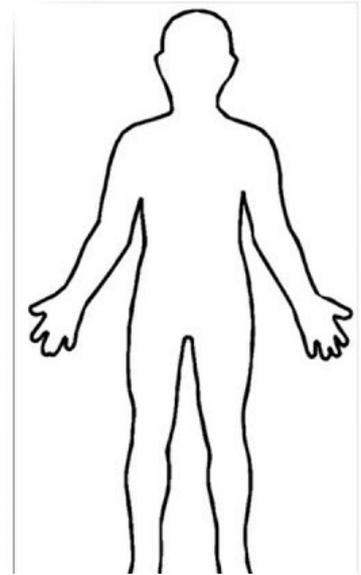
How to calculate BMI?

How to **calculate** your

Body Mass Index

(BMI) value

$$\text{BMI} = \frac{\text{mass}_{\text{kg}}}{\text{height}_{\text{m}}^2} = \frac{\text{mass}_{\text{lb}}}{\text{height}_{\text{in}}^2} \times 703$$

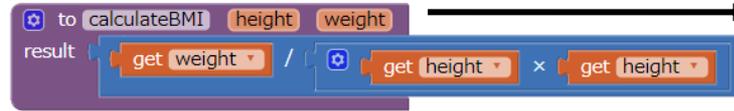


Code Anatomy: BMI Calculator App

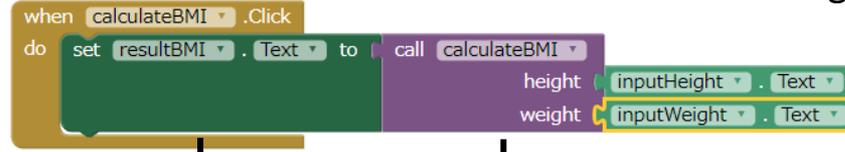


A user needs to input weight and height

Click this button will calculate BMI



Define a 'calculateBMI' procedure that takes in the argument 'height' and 'weight' to calculate BMI



3. Set the 'resultBMI' text to the result returned from the 'calculateBMI' procedure

2. Call the 'calculateBMI' procedure and pass the two arguments 'weight' and 'height', and return the result value to the block on the left

1. Set the 'weight' and 'height' arguments to the values that a user input in the textboxes

Any questions?

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