COMPUTING: PROGRAMMING- Repetition in Shapes





MSWLogo Screen

Overview

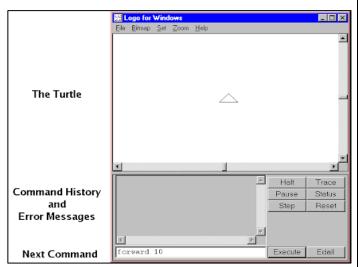
Repetition in Shapes

- <u>Programming</u> is when we make a set of instructions for computers to follow.
- -<u>Logo</u> is a text-based program that we can use in order to create shapes and patterns.
- -We use <u>algorithms</u> (a set of instructions to perform a task) which we can plan, model and test, in order to create accurate and imaginative shapes and patterns.

The Basics of FMS Logo

- **-What is FMS Logo?** Logo is a text-based programming language, where we can type commands which are then drawn on the screen.
- -Logo helps us to learn how to use programming language, whilst also being creative and using problem-solving skills.

The Display:



Basic Commands:



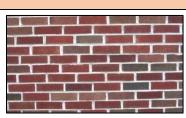
- -<u>FD</u>: Forwards. Always followed by a space and the number of steps, e.g. FD 50
- -BK: Backwards. As above, e.g. BK 50
- -<u>LT:</u> Left turn. Always followed by a space and then the degrees to turn, e.g. LT 90
- -RT: Right turn. As above, e.g. RT 90
- -<u>CS</u>: Clears any pen marks on your screen and gets the turtle back to the centre.
- -PU: Stops turtle from leaving a pen trail.
- -<u>PD:</u> Makes turtle leave a pen trail again.

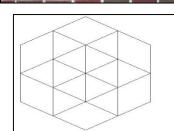
Programming Patterns

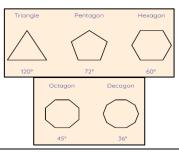
- **-Patterns:** Patterns are things that repeat in a logical way. In everyday life, patterns are everywhere!
- -Patterns in Logo: Instead of typing in the code to create each individual shape, we can save time by repeating a sequence of instructions. We use the 'repeat' function.
- **-Repeat:** Type the command 'repeat' this repeats commands a set number of times. The number following repeat is the number of times to repeat the code, and the code to be repeated is in square brackets, e.g. repeat 4 [FD 100 LT 90]

The above code will repeat FD 100 LT 90 four times.

-Creating Shapes and Loops: To make shapes, we need to know the angles of corners of different shapes (see right). Using the repeat function with shapes can help us to make spirals.







Sequencing and Algorithms

- -A **sequence** is a pattern or process in which one thing follows another.
- -We design **algorithms** (sets of instructions for performing a task) to help us program the sequence that we require to achieve our desired outcomes.
- **-Programming** is the process of

keying in the code recognized by the computer (using your algorithm).

Trialling and Debugging

-Programmers do not put their computer programs straight to work.

They **trial** them first to find any errors:

Correct co FD 100 RT 90 FD 200

FD 100

- -Sequence errors: An instruction in the sequence is wrong or in the wrong place.
- -Keying errors: Typing in the wrong code.
- -Logical errors: Mistakes in plan/thinking.
- -If your algorithm does not work correctly the first time, remember to **debug** it.

Important Vocabulary

commands code snippet pattern repetition repeat value trace decompose procedure