

Essential Objects

Class	Description
Part	A physical brick in the world.
Model	A container for Parts.
Folder	A container for Scripts and value objects.
Script	A container for <i>Lua</i> source code.
LocalScript	A Script that runs its code on a client.

Basic math functions

Operation	Description
$a + b$	Adds a and b .
$a - b$	Subtract a and b .
$a * b$	Multiply a and b .
a / b	Divides a by b .
$a \% b$	Remainder of a divided by b .

Function	Description
<code>math.random(n)</code>	Returns random number from 1 to n (no negatives).
<code>math.random(a, b)</code>	Returns random number from a to b .
<code>math.max(...)</code>	Returns the largest number.
<code>math.min(...)</code>	Returns the smallest number.

Basic math functions (cont)

<code>math.floor(n)</code>	Rounds n down.
<code>math.ceil(n)</code>	Rounds n up.
<code>math.abs(n)</code>	Returns absolute value of n .
<code>math.sqrt(n)</code>	Returns square root of n .
<code>math.pi</code>	Approx equal to 3.14159

It's important to work out problems by hand before translating their solutions into code. **Algebra** is necessary for success. [Read about all math functions here.](#)

String functions

Operation	Description
$a .. b$	Combine two strings.

Function	Description
<code>string.len(str)</code>	Returns length of <code>str</code> .
<code>string.upper(str)</code>	Returns <code>str</code> in upper-case.
<code>string.lower(str)</code>	Returns <code>str</code> in lower-case.
<code>string.reverse(str)</code>	Returns <code>str</code> in reverse.
<code>string.rep(str, n)</code>	Returns <code>str</code> repeated n times

String functions (cont)

<code>string.sub(str, a, b)</code>	Return substring of <code>str</code> from a to b .
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A **string** is a collection of characters, or text. An example of a string property is the `Name` property. [Read all string manipulation functions here.](#)

Tables

```

local list = {1, 2, 3}
local firstNum = list[1]
list[2] = 4
print( " There are " .. #list ..
" number s")
local total = 0
for i = 1, #list do
    total = total + list[i]
end
print( "The total is " .. total)

```

Tables are a collection of values. They are defined using curly braces `{}` with values separated by commas. Access the values inside using square brackets `[]`. Tables are sometimes called **arrays**. Use a **for** loop to work with all items in a table individually. The `:GetChildren()` method returns a table of children in an object.



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Constants

game	Parent of all game services.
workspace	Container for all bricks and models are stored.
script	The currently running script.

Finding Objects

```
workspace.Part:Destroy()
print( script.Parent.Name)
game.Serv erS tor age.Tr ee: -
Clone()
```

Use a period to access an object's children.
Use .Parent to access an object's parent.
Use constants like game, workspace, and script to identify objects in the hierarchy.

Creating objects

How do I create an object?

Using `Instance.new (class)` and setting the parent:
`object.Parent = parent`

How do I access an object's properties?

Use a period (.):
`print(obj ect.Name)`

How do I set an object's properties?

Use a period (.) and equals sign (=):
`part.T ran spa ncy = .5`

How do I destroy an object?

Using `object :De stroy()`

Creating objects (cont)

How do I copy a preexisting object?

Using `object :Cl one()` and setting the parent:
`newTree = workspace.Tree:Clone()`
`newTree.Parent = workspace`

General Object Functions

Method name	Description
<code>:FindFirstChild(name)</code>	Return a child with <code>name</code> or <code>nil</code> if it doesn't exist.
<code>:WaitForChild(name)</code>	Pauses until a child with a name exists and returns it.
<code>:IsA(className)</code>	Return whether the object is a certain type of object.
<code>:Clone()</code>	Makes and returns a copy of an object.
<code>:Destroy()</code>	Permanently delete an object.
<code>:GetChildren()</code>	Return a list of an object's children.

These are functions (aka methods) for all classes of ROBLOX objects. [Read about all methods here.](#)

Event basics

```
function onTouch(part)
    print( par t.Name .. "
    touched me!")
end
worksp ace.Pa rt.T ou che d:c -
onn ect (on Touch)
```

Events are specific occurrences relating to objects. When an event **fires**, or occurs, all connected functions are called.

Basic functions

`wait (n)` Wait `n` seconds then continue.
`print (...)` Display something in the Output window.

Variables

```
local myScore = 5
myScore = myScore + 1
print( myS core)
local myName = " Ozz y"
print( "My name is " .. myName)
```

Variables store data of any kind - numbers, strings, tables, objects or `nil` (nothing). A **local** variable is only accessible in the block of code it is defined in.



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If statements

```

if
workspace:FindFirstChild("Tree")
then
    print( " There is a tree
here.")
end
if coins < 5 then
    print( "You need more
money." )
else
    print( "You have enough
money! ")
end
if player.Name == " Jake" then
    print( "You are an
awesome guy, Jake")
elseif player.Name == " Sal ly"
then
    print( "You are a
sweeth eart, Sally")
else
    print( "You are a pretty
cool person ")
end

```

If statements will run their code if the value between **if/then** is true (or not nil). They can one an **else** block, or any number of **elseif** blocks.

Loops

Numeric for loop

For counting numerically.
Example: Count from 1 to 5:

```

for i = 1, 5 do
    print(i)
end

```

Generic for loop

Most often used for object children.

Example: Print all children in object:

```

for i, child in pairs(object:GetChildren()) do
    print(child.Name)
end

```

While loop

Perform code until a condition is false.

Example: Remove all children named 'Ball'

```

while object:FindFirstChild("Ball")
    object.Ball:Destroy()
end

```

Repeat-until loop

Perform code once, then again until a condition is true.

Ex.: Copy objects until there are 5.

```

repeat
    newObject = object:Clone()
    newObject.Parent = workspace
    wait(1)
until #workspace:GetChildren() >= 5

```

Loops are used to **iterate**, or repeat code a number of times.

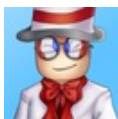
Function examples

```

function sayHello()
    print( " Hello, world")
end
sayHello()
function addTwo Num bers(a, b)
    print( "The sum is:", a +
b)
end
addTwo Num bers(3, 5)
function calcul ate Squ are(n)
    do
        return n * n
    end
local result = calcul ate Squ -
are(3)

```

A function is a named block of code that can be run anywhere in code by **calling it** by name. Functions can have **arguments** (given values) and/or **return** values.



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