

Dynamically changing objects using Conditional Attributes (Tutorial B12)

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Conditional Attributes allow you to create interactive objects. For example, you can make text appear and disappear.

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Conditional Attributes can also allow you to dynamically hide, show, or change the color of graph or geometry objects

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based on user input, variable values, or calculated expressions. Common uses include clicking a slider to reveal steps in

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sequence or dynamically changing the color of a point based on its position on the screen. In this example, I'll change

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the line color around a circle I've created and the fill color inside it based on the value of the variable, a , which

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is controlled by a slider. I'll use the touchpad to roll over the circle, and the click to select it. Now I'll press

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ctrl-menu to pull up the options for the circle, and choose Conditions. Before I start entering anything in here, I'll

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roll over the Colors button and click to select it. This chart shows which colors correspond with each number, so

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if I want the line around my circle to be a medium blue color, I want the value of the expression I enter to be

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2. In this case, I want the fill to be green and the stroke around it to be medium blue, and then I want to move the

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slider and have it change to a light blue stroke and a maroon fill. That means I want the line values to be 2

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then 3, and the fill values to be 4 then 5. I'll click to select OK and move back to my Conditional Attributes

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dialog box. I'll press the Tab key until I get to the top field called Show When. Here, I'll enter my variable, a.

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Now I'll press tab again and move down to the Line Color field. Remember that I want the value that comes out of

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this expression to be 2 on the first setting, and 3 on the second. The low setting is when $a=1$, so I have to add

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1 to it to get to 2, and the high setting is when $a=2$, which means I also want to add 1, so I'll type $a+1$ here. Now

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when $a=1$, the value will be 2 for the line color, which was that medium blue. When $a=2$, the value for the line

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color will be 3, which is that light blue. I'll press tab to get down to Fill Color, and enter my second expression

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here. I want the low value fill color to be green, which was the value of 4, so when $a=1$, I need to add 3 to it.

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I'll type $a+3$ here. Now when $a=1$, my fill color value will be 4, that green color. When $a=2$, my fill color value will

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be 5, which will be that maroon color. Finally, I'll roll over and click OK. Now I can roll over the slider, and



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click and hold it to grab it. When I set the slider so that $a=1$, my circle has a medium blue stroke and green

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fill;when I move it so that $a=2$, it has a light blue stroke and maroon fill.

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