

# CogLab: jsPsych conditionals

WEEK 4

# logistics: group project

- milestone #2: proposal
  - feedback returned
  - please stop by office hours / email us for other times!
- milestone #3: design draft
  - link to ONE github repository with preliminary code
  - make a list of stimuli files, plugins, etc. your experiment will need
  - the more you do now, the more we can help!

# recap

- what we covered:
  - importing stimuli into jsPsych
  - repeating sequence of events for different items
- your to-dos were:
  - *prep:* conditional timelines and providing feedback
  - *prep:* design draft (project milestone #4)

# going back to our experiment

- open Visual Studio Xcode and open the jsPsych experiment you created last week
- also open the [index.html](#) file in your browser to remind yourself of what we did!

# fixing the association procedure

```
.....<script src="https://unpkg.com/jspsych@7.3.3"></script>  
<link href="https://unpkg.com/jspsych@8.0.0/css/jspsych.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" />  
<script src="https://unpkg.com/@jspsych/plugin-html-keyboard-response@1.1.3"></script>  
<script src="https://unpkg.com/@jspsych/plugin-survey-text@1.1.3"></script>  
<script src="jspsych/modified-image-plugin.js"></script>
```

# experiment recap

training

sentence 

space

novel word? 

<response>

association

x 3



word 

<response>

x 3

priming

+ 



prime



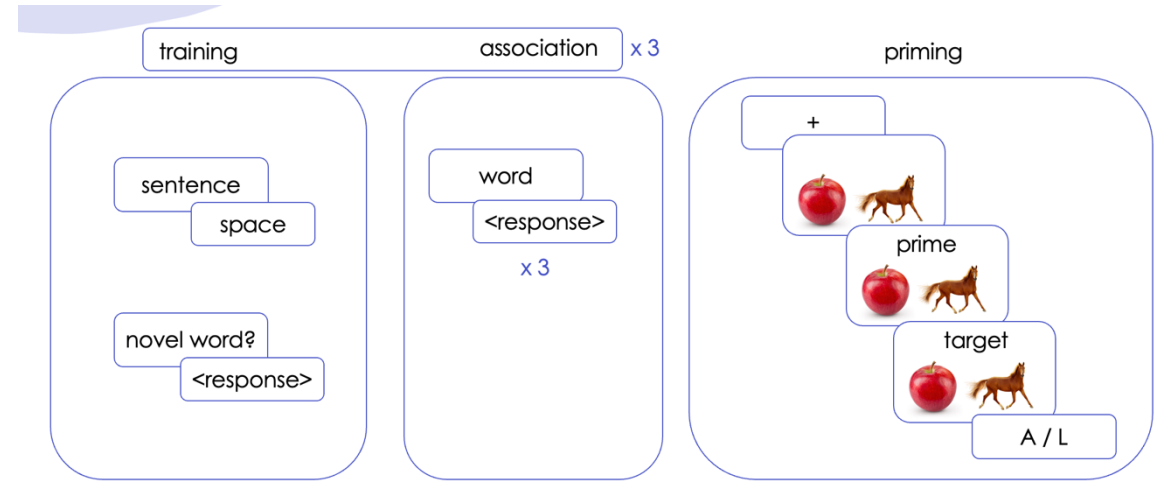
target



 A / L

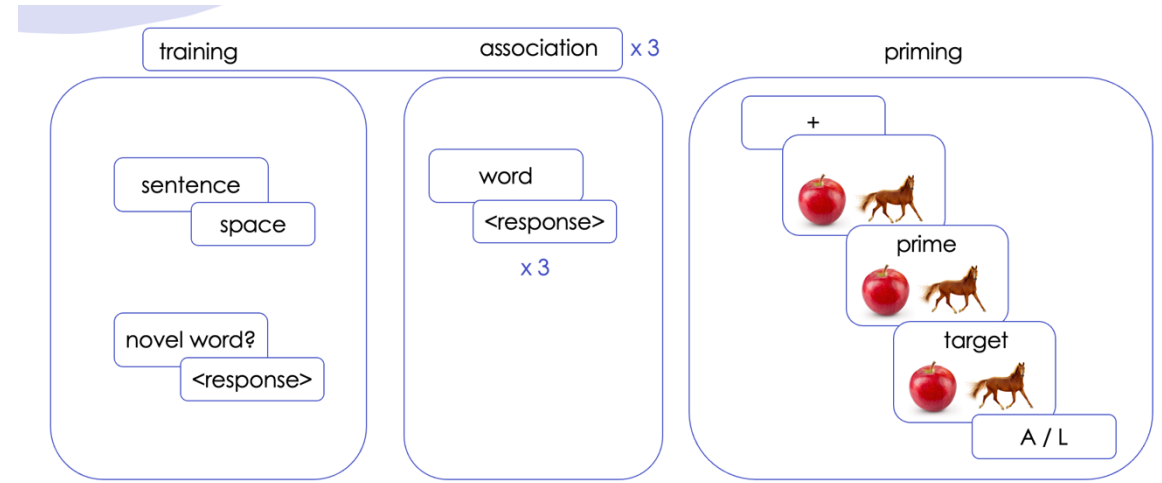
# outstanding issues

- fixing position & style of prime/target words
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# today's agenda: outstanding issues

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# prime/target presentation

- previously, we had added breaks (`<br>`) and styling (`<span>`) to the prompt
- we need to add this back in a way that is **compatible** with the value returned by the `jsPsych.timelineVariable()` function

before

```
var target = {
  type: jsPsychImageKeyboardResponse,
  stimulus: "applehorse.png",
  choices: ['A', 'L'],
  stimulus_width: 500,
  maintain_aspect_ratio: true,
  prompt: "<span style= 'font-size:170%'>apple<br><br></span>"
}
```

after

```
var target = {
  type: jsPsychImageKeyboardResponse,
  stimulus: jsPsych.timelineVariable('image_path'),
  choices: ['A', 'L'],
  stimulus_width: 500,
  maintain_aspect_ratio: true,
  prompt: jsPsych.timelineVariable('target_word')
}
```

# modifying prime plugin

- instead of directly assigning prompt the value returned by the timelineVariable, we instead assign it the value from a function that returns a string of formatted primes

```
var prime = {
  type: jsPsychImageKeyboardResponse,
  stimulus: jsPsych.timelineVariable('image_path'),
  trial_duration: 300,
  choices: "NO_KEYS",
  stimulus_width: 500,
  maintain_aspect_ratio: true,
  prompt: function(){
    return "<span style= 'font-size:200%'><br>" + String(jsPsych.timelineVariable('prime_word')) + "<br></span>";
  },
}
```

# modifying target plugin

- repeat for target plugin
- save and reload

```
var target = {  
  type: jsPsychImageKeyboardResponse,  
  stimulus: jsPsych.timelineVariable('image_path'),  
  choices: ['A', 'L'],  
  stimulus_width: 500,  
  maintain_aspect_ratio: true,  
  prompt: function(){  
    return "<span style= 'font-size:200%'><br>" + String(jsPsych.timelineVariable('target_word')) + "<br></span>";  
  },  
}
```

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# adding instruction screens

- adding instructions is a crucial part of guiding the participant through your experiment
- load the [instructions plugin](#)
- add three instruction trials
  - at the start of the experiment
  - before association
  - before priming

```
var initial_instructions = {
  type: jsPsychInstructions,
  pages: [
    'page 1 instructions',
    'page 2 instructions',
    'page 3 instructions.'
  ],
  show_clickable_nav: true
}

var association_instructions = {
  type: jsPsychInstructions,
  pages: [
    'Done with sentences. Association time.'
  ],
  show_clickable_nav: true
}

var priming_instructions = {
  type: jsPsychInstructions,
  pages: [
    'Priming task about to begin.'
  ],
  show_clickable_nav: true
}
```

# incorporating instruction trials

- `initial_instructions` can directly be part of the `jsPsych.run()` call
- `association_instructions` need to be displayed at the end of each sentence block
- `priming_instructions` need to be displayed at the end of the `training_plus_association` sequence
- save and reload

```
jsPsych.run([initial_instructions, training_plus_association, priming_proc]);
```

```
var training_plus_association = {  
  timeline: [training_procedure, association_instructions, association_procedure],  
  repetitions: 3  
}
```

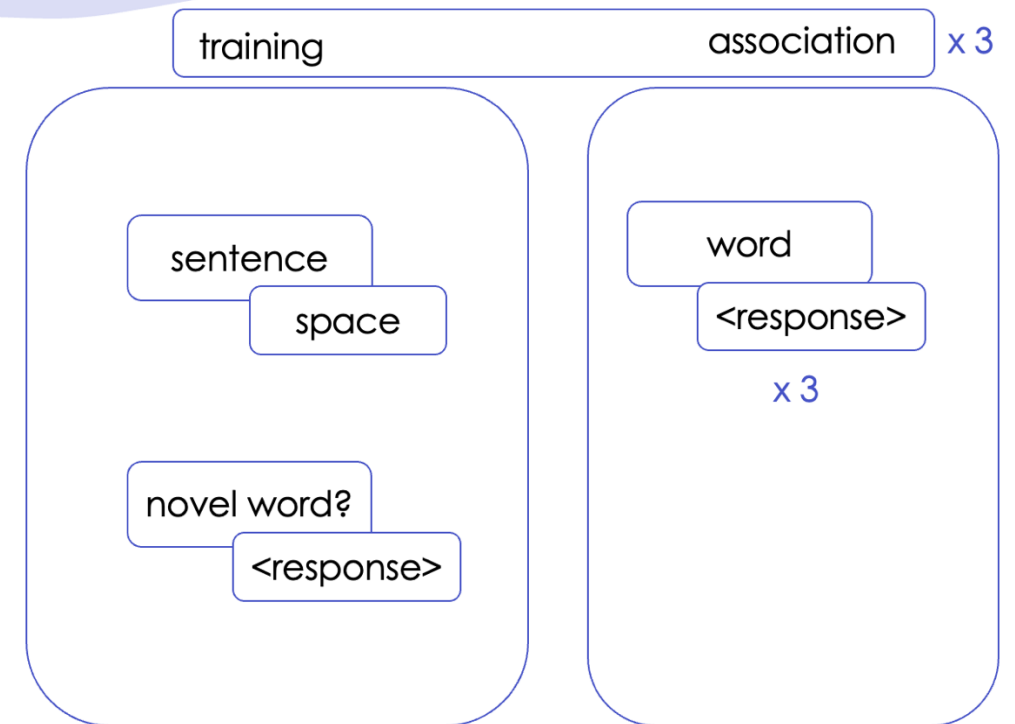
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# logic of attention check

- we want the attention check to appear at **random points** during the experiment
  - “each block contained attention check questions and a free association task”
  - “attention checks followed three randomly selected Training sentences”
- this means attention checks are **conditional**

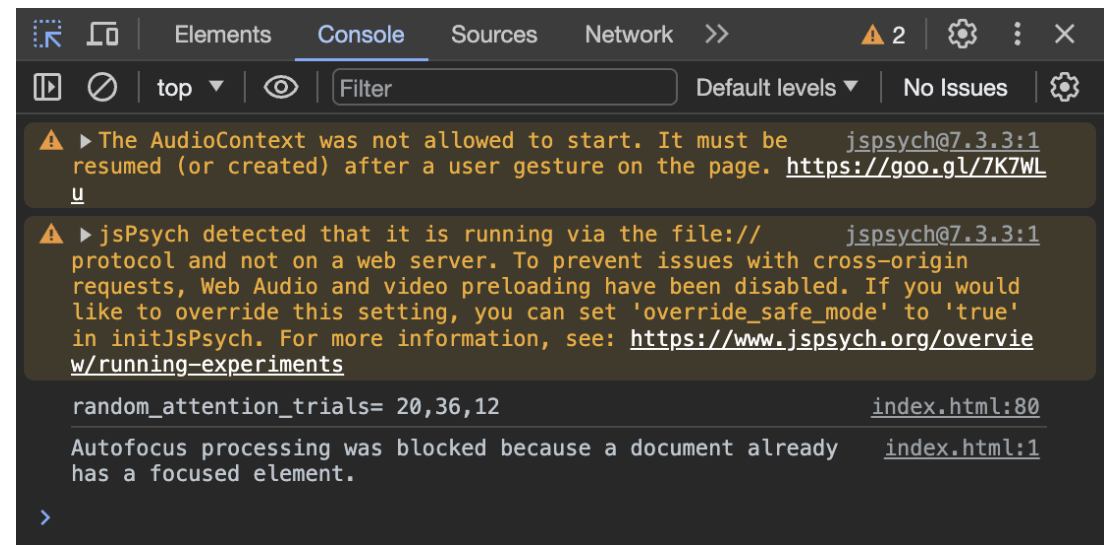




# choosing random trials

- we need to randomly select **any three trials** from all the sentence trials
- we have 40 sentences, and counts start at 0 and end at 39 in JavaScript
- we define a variable that uses the `jsPsych.randomization.sampleWithoutReplacement()` function to get 3 random numbers between 0 and 40
- we also **print the values** to the console using `console.log()` so we can look at them in the inspector!
- save and reload page, and open the inspector via **Command + Option + I**

```
var random_attention_trials = jsPsych.randomization.sampleWithoutReplacement([...Array(40).keys()], 3);  
  
console.log("random_attention_trials= " + random_attention_trials);
```



The screenshot shows a browser's developer console with the following content:

- Two warning messages (yellow triangles) from jsPsych:
  - "The AudioContext was not allowed to start. It must be resumed (or created) after a user gesture on the page." with a link to <https://goo.gl/7K7WL>.
  - "jsPsych detected that it is running via the file:// protocol and not on a web server. To prevent issues with cross-origin requests, Web Audio and video preloading have been disabled. If you would like to override this setting, you can set 'override\_safe\_mode' to 'true' in initJsPsych. For more information, see: <https://www.jpspsych.org/overview/running-experiments>
- A log message (white text) showing the output of the code: `random_attention_trials= 20,36,12` from `index.html:80`.
- A message (white text) indicating: "Autofocus processing was blocked because a document already has a focused element." from `index.html:1`.

# range of random trials

- currently, the attention check could happen even on the first sentence trial, which would be strange
- we can restrict this by modifying our code slightly
- we **sample from 0 to 34** and **add 5** to the random sample
  - minimum / maximum?
- save and reload, open inspector

```
var random_attention_trials = jsPsych.randomization.sampleWithoutReplacement([...Array(40).keys()], 3);  
console.log("random_attention_trials= " + random_attention_trials);
```

```
var random_attention_trials = jsPsych.randomization.sampleWithoutReplacement([...Array(35).keys()].map(x => x + 5), 3);  
console.log("random_attention_trials= " + random_attention_trials);
```

# keeping track of the sentence number

- once we have the random trials chosen, we need to have an attention check at those times
- so, we need to keep a count of sentences
- for this, we modify the sentence plugin trial to track the trials where sentences are presented using the `on_finish` parameter
- save and reload
- open the inspector

```
var sentence_number = 0;

var sentence = {
  type: jsPsychHtmlKeyboardResponse,
  stimulus: jsPsych.timelineVariable('sentence'),
  choices: [''],
  trial_duration: 100,
  on_finish: function(data) {
    sentence_number = (sentence_number + 1)
    console.log("sentence_number= " + sentence_number);
  }
}
```

sentence_number= 1	<a href="#">index 2.html:91</a>
sentence_number= 2	<a href="#">index 2.html:91</a>
sentence_number= 3	<a href="#">index 2.html:91</a>
sentence_number= 4	<a href="#">index 2.html:91</a>
sentence_number= 5	<a href="#">index 2.html:91</a>
sentence_number= 6	<a href="#">index 2.html:91</a>
sentence_number= 7	<a href="#">index 2.html:91</a>
sentence_number= 8	<a href="#">index 2.html:91</a>
sentence_number= 9	<a href="#">index 2.html:91</a>

# restricting the trial number range

- **random\_attention\_trials** will always be within 5 and 39 by design, but our **sentence\_number** keeps increasing across the 3 blocks
- **solution**: we divide the index by 40 and keep the remainder, using the % operator
- save and reload

```
var sentence = {  
  type: jsPsychHtmlKeyboardResponse,  
  stimulus: jsPsych.timelineVariable('sentence'),  
  choices: [' '],  
  trial_duration: 100,  
  on_finish: function(data) {  
    sentence_number = (sentence_number + 1) % 40;  
    console.log("sentence_number= " + sentence_number);  
  }  
}
```

```
sentence_number= 34      index 2.html:91  
sentence_number= 35      index 2.html:91  
sentence_number= 36      index 2.html:91  
sentence_number= 37      index 2.html:91  
sentence_number= 38      index 2.html:91  
sentence_number= 39      index 2.html:91  
sentence_number= 0       index 2.html:91  
sentence_number= 1       index 2.html:91  
sentence_number= 2       index 2.html:91  
sentence_number= 3       index 2.html:91  
sentence_number= 4       index 2.html:91  
sentence_number= 5       index 2.html:91  
sentence_number= 6       index 2.html:91
```

# defining a conditional timeline

- we can now define a conditional timeline and use the `sentence_number` and the `random_attention_trials` to only display the attention trial if the `sentence_number` is in the `random_attention_trials`
- add `attention_conditional` to the `training_procedure`
- save and reload

```
var attention_conditional = {  
  timeline: [attention],  
  conditional_function: function() {  
    if(random_attention_trials.includes(sentence_number)) {return true;}  
    else {return false;}  
  }  
}
```

```
var training_procedure = {  
  timeline: [sentence, attention_conditional],  
  timeline_variables: sentences,  
  randomize_order: true  
};
```

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# creating the feedback screen

- we first define a `slow_experiment_trial` that displays feedback to the participants

```
var slow_experiment_trial = {  
  type: jsPsychHtmlKeyboardResponse,  
  stimulus: "<b>Too slow</b>! <br><br> Please try to respond faster.",  
  choices: "NO_KEYS",  
  trial_duration: 1000  
}
```

# providing feedback on priming trials

- if we want to provide feedback, we have to retrieve the data provided by the participant on the specific trial
- we define a conditional `priming_feedback` trial to only run the `slow_experiment_trial` plugin if RT on the last trial is  $> 800$  ms

```
var priming_feedback = {
  timeline: [slow_experiment_trial],
  conditional_function: function(){
    // get the data from the previous trial,
    // and check if rt is greater than 800 ms
    var rt = jsPsych.data.get().last(1).values()[0].rt;
    if (rt > 800){
      return true;
    } else {
      return false;
    }
  }
}
```



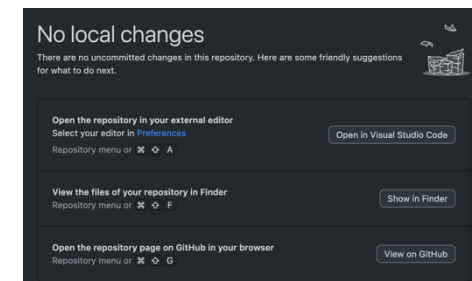
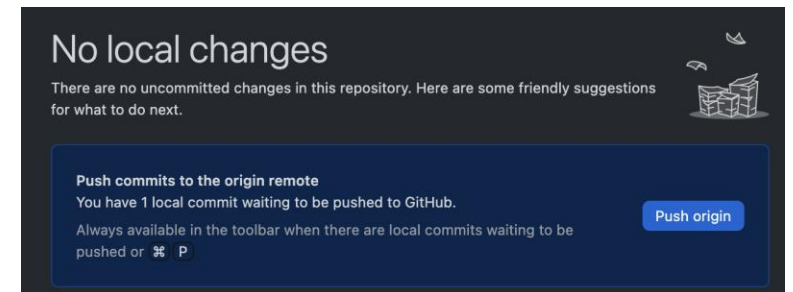
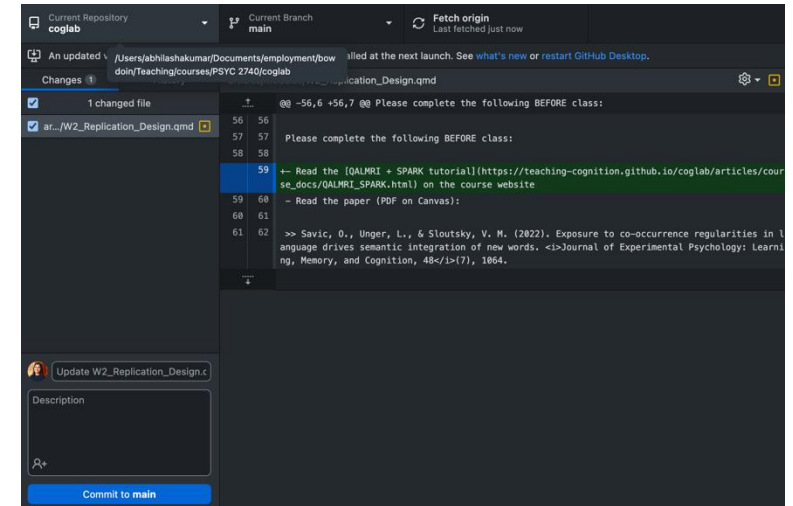
# add feedback to priming procedure

- we add `priming_feedback` to our priming procedure
- we modify the `jsPsych.run()` sequence to test the new priming procedure
- save and reload

```
var priming_proc = {  
  timeline: [fixation, image, prime, target, priming_feedback],  
  timeline_variables: practice_stimuli,  
  randomize_order: true  
};  
  
//jsPsych.run([initial_instructions, training_plus_association, priming_instructions, priming_proc]);  
jsPsych.run([priming_proc]);
```

# saving your progress so far...

- save your index.html file
- open GitHub Desktop
- review changes, commit, and push
- check if changes have reflected online!



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# complete experiment procedure

- initial instructions
- training plus association
  - sentences
  - some attention trials
  - association instructions
  - association trials
- priming procedure
  - priming instructions
  - fixation
  - image
  - prime
  - target
  - feedback

```
jsPsych.run([initial_instructions, training_plus_association, priming_instructions, priming_proc]);
```

# HW: what data do we need for each plugin?

- initial instructions
- training plus association
  - sentences
  - some attention trials
  - association instructions
  - association trials
- priming procedure
  - priming instructions
  - fixation
  - image
  - prime
  - target
  - feedback

```
jsPsych.run([initial_instructions, training_plus_association, priming_instructions, priming_proc]);
```

# HW: what does jsPsych automatically record?

- head over to the [plugins](#) page
- navigate to the pages for the plugins we are using
- look at the Data Generated sub-heading
- make note of what is being recorded and what else may be needed

# next class

- **before** class

- *prep*: class HW (data being recorded + data needed)
- *prep*: read the online documentation on data storage
- *apply*: project milestone #3 (design draft)

- **during** class

- recording data
- going online!