Number Stories In Depth Manual

System Requirements:
Supported Operating Systems:
Number Stories works with Mac OS X and Windows Operating System.

Supported Browsers:
Number Stories works with Mozilla Firefox (latest tested version 31.0), Internet Explorer (latest tested version 11.0), and Apple Safari (latest tested version 7.0).

For all browsers, please allow Java to run if any pop-ups ask you to accept it.

For Safari, you will need to change the following setting:

Safari > Preferences > Security > Manage Website Settings > click on "Java" (on the left side) > allow it to run in 'unsafe' mode for the Number Stories website.

Registration for Number Stories:
1. Go to: http://numberstories.uchicago.edu/join

2. Fill in the information and click "Join".

3. Check your registered email account for an email with subject “Confirm your email address to access Number Stories” and click the confirmation link.

4. Go to: http://numberstories.uchicago.edu/login to log in.
Number Stories Navigation:
The main navigation bar for the Number Stories website consists of My Page, Search, Library, and About.

My Page: This is the page you will see when you log in. On My Page, you will see your personal playlists, or collections of problems. Every user initially has a playlist called “Favorites”.

My Page also contains a link to Account Settings. Use this page to change your password or email address. If you need to change your username, you will need to contact the NS Staff via the contact form at the bottom of any page.

On the right side, you will see the Problem of the Week, a link to the Library, and a link to “Create a Story”.

Search: The search page allows you to find problems. You can search via Concepts, Themes, Rating, Audiences, or keyword. Concepts are a list of mathematical concepts such as Addition, Algebra, or Calculus. Themes are a list of topics such as Movies, Comics, or Economics. Rating is the average user rating. Audiences consist of age groups such as Age 4-7, Age 8-10, etc.

You must enter at least one keyword or select one category under “Browse By” to conduct a search.
**Library:** The library contains playlists curated by the Number Stories staff. Each playlist includes a title and short description.

![Playlist Library](image)

To see the contents of a playlist, click on the playlist name. This will open a list of the problems. You have the option to clone a playlist to *My Page* by clicking on “Clone playlist”. This will create a personal copy of the playlist that you can alter.

![Add/Subtract Decimals lesson](image)

**About:** The About page contains more information about the Number Stories project and its contributors.

**Viewing Problems:**
You can view problems on the Number Stories site in two ways: by going to an individual *problem page*, or by launching a playlist in *playlist view*. 
Problem page:
If you click on a problem in a set of search results, you will be taken to the problem page.

Each Number Stories problem consists of a story and a question. You will see these side-by-side on the problem page. To the right, you will see the average user rating, concepts, and themes of the problem. You will also see a solution from the original author and any user-submitted solutions.

You can add a problem to one of your personal playlists by using the “Add to playlist” button in the upper right corner.

Below the story and question, you will see other questions for the story and a place to leave a review. If you leave a review, you can edit or delete it later.
**Playlist view:**
If you click “Launch playlist” from either My Page or the Library, you will see the problems in Playlist view. Playlist view is a distraction-free mode that allows work through a playlist. Using the gray toolbar on the left, you to see the other problems in the playlist, take notes, view the author solutions, and mark if you’ve solved a problem.

Note that if you exit Playlist view using the button on the bottom of the gray toolbar, you will be taken to My Page or the Library, whichever page you were on when you launched the playlist.
Launching a problem:
On problem pages and in Playlist view, each story and question has a launch link.

Some problems have a red icon next to their launch links:

These problems are written in Cabri, proprietary interactive geometry software developed by Cabrilog SAS. When you launch these problems, the story and question will each open in a different pop-up window.

Other problems do not have an icon next to their launch links:

These questions are written in JavaScript. When you launch these problems, they will open directly in your browser window. Scroll down to see them.
Contact, Help, and Report a Bug:

From the footer on any page, you can click on “Help” to access the following:

Number Stories Quick Start Guide: This is a PDF document gives a quick tour of the website.

System Requirements: This lists the computer and browser requirements to use Number Stories.

Known Issues: This lists any known issues with the website.

If you do find any bugs or have any suggestions, please let us know by clicking on the “Report a Bug” button.