



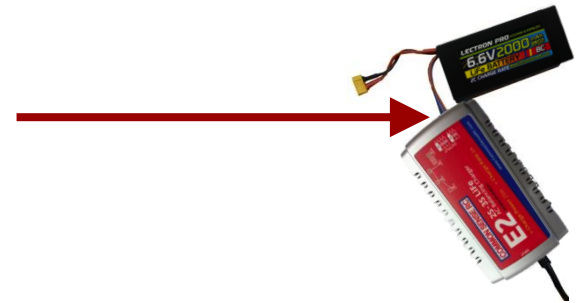
Welcome to Botball 2018!

Before we get started...

1. **Sign in**, and collect your materials and electronics.
2. KIPR staff may come around and **install/copy files** as needed.
3. **Charge your Wallaby batteries-WHITE to WHITE** (refer to next slide)



KIPR Robotics
Controller - Wallaby



4. Open the “**2018 Parts List**” folder, which contains files that list all of your Botball robot kit components. **Please go through the lists and verify that you have received everything.**

5. Build the **DemoBot(s)**.

Raise your hand if you need help or have questions.



Charging the Controller's Battery

- For charging the controller's battery, **use only the power supply which came with your controller.**
 - It is possible to damage the battery by using the wrong charger or excessive discharge!
- The standard power pack is a **lithium iron (LiFe) battery**, a safer alternative to lithium polymer batteries. The safety rules applicable for recharging any battery still apply:
 - **Do NOT leave the battery unattended** while charging.
 - Charge in a cool, open area away from flammable materials.



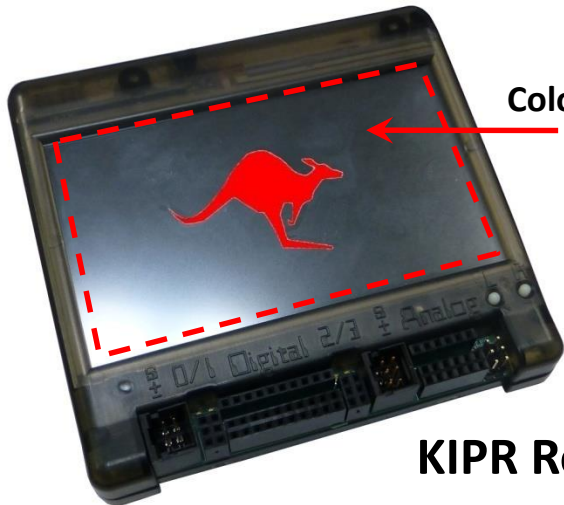


Making the Connection

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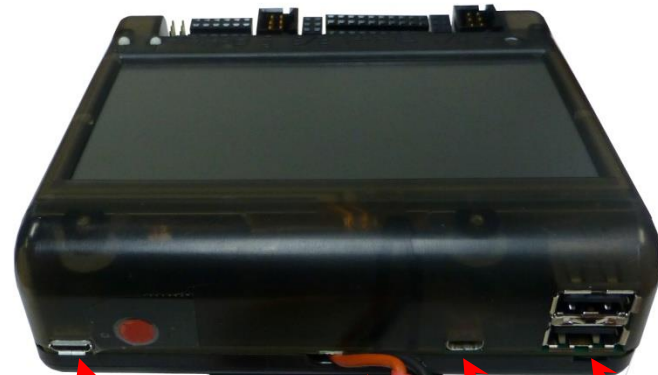
- **Yellow to Yellow** (battery to controller)
- **White small to White small** (charger to battery)
 - Yours may vary slightly, use caution unplugging
- **Black to Black** (motors, servos, sensors)

KRC Wallaby Controller Guide



Color Touch Screen

KIPR Robotics Controller Wallaby



Download port (micro USB)

Micro HDMI

USB

Power (external battery connection)



2 Servo Motor Ports (Port # 0 & 1)

2 Motor Ports (Port # 0 & 1)

10 Digital Sensor Ports (Port # 0 - 9)

2 Motor Ports (Port # 2 & 3)

2 Servo Motor Ports (Port # 2 & 3)

6 Analog Sensor Ports (Port # 0 - 5)



Power Switch



Wallaby Power

- The KIPR Robotics Controller – Wallaby, uses an external battery pack for power.
 - It will void your warranty to use a battery pack with the Wallaby that hasn't been approved by KIPR.
- Make sure to follow the shutdown instruction on the next slide. Failure to do so will drain your battery to the point where it can no longer be charged. If you plug your battery into the charger and the blue lights continue to flash then you have probably drained your battery to the point where it cannot be charged again. You can purchase a replacement battery from www.botballstore.org.

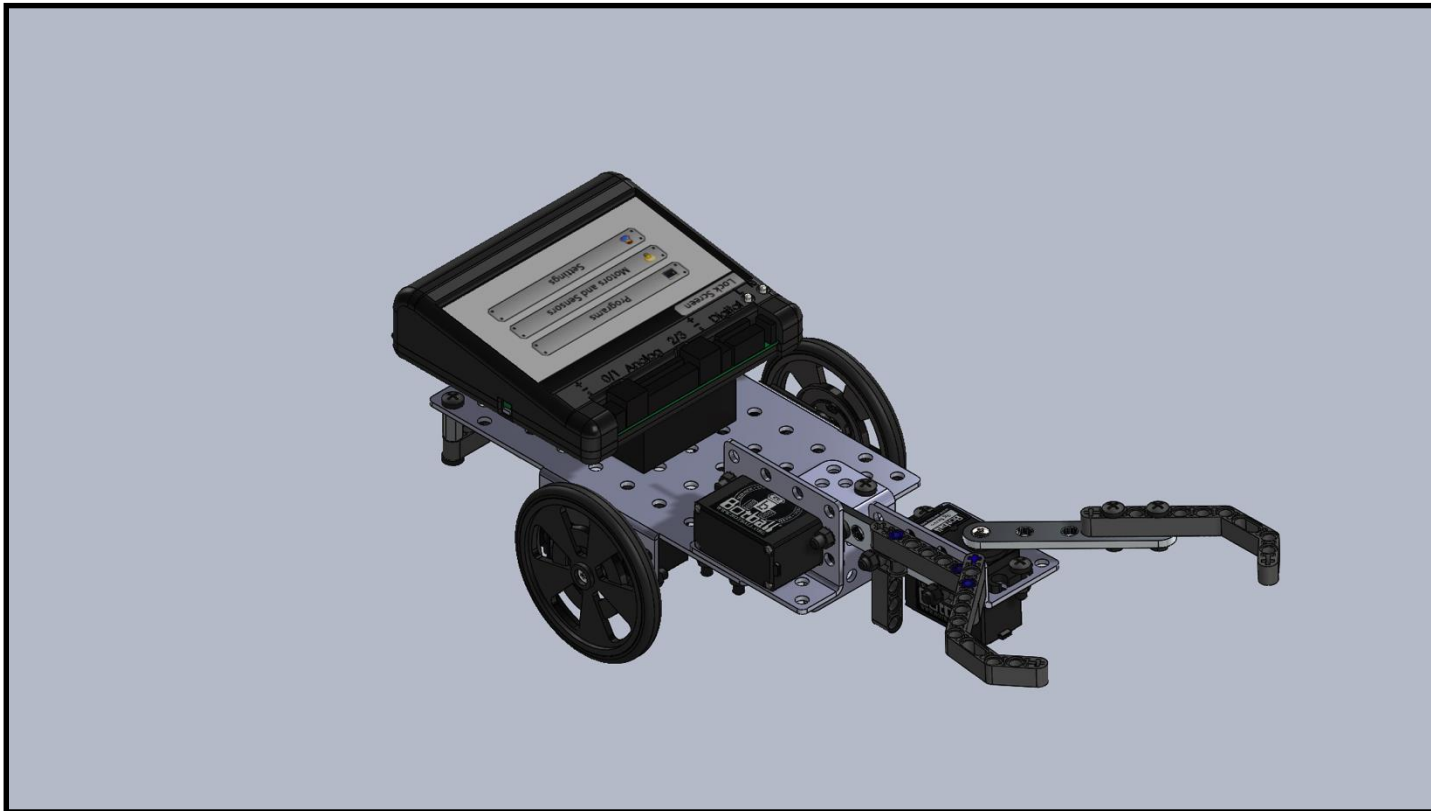


Wallaby Power Down

- From the Wallaby Home Screen press *Shutdown*
 - Select *Yes*
- Go to your Wallaby screen and check to see if it is **halted** (If your Wallaby shows to be unable to be halted, rerun your last program either to completion or just start and stop it, and this should clear up any problem)
- Slide the power switch to off AND unplug the battery, using the yellow connectors, being careful not to pull on the wires

Build the DemoBots

Build your robot using the DemoBot Building Guide
(Found on the team Homebase under 2018 team resources)





Hi! I'm Botguy, the Botball mascot!

Botball 2018

Professional Development Workshop

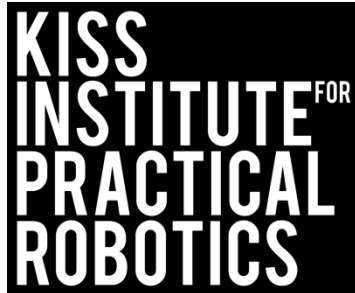
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- improve the public's understanding of science, technology, engineering, and math;
- develop the skills, character, and aspirations of students; and
- contribute to the enrichment of our school systems, communities, and the nation.



Housekeeping

- **Introductions:** workshop staff and volunteers
- **Food:** lunch is on your own
- **Workshop schedule:** 2 days



Workshop Schedule

Day 1

- **Botball Overview**
- **Getting started with the KIPR Software Suite**
- **Explaining the “Hello, World!” C Program**
- **Designing Your Own Program**
- **Moving the DemoBot with Motors**
- **Moving the DemoBot Servos**
- **Making Smarter Robots with Sensors**
- **Repetition, Repetition: Reacting**
- **Motor Position Counters**
- **Making a Choice**
- **Line-following**
- **Homework**

Day 2

- **Botball Game Review**
- **Tournament Code Template**
- **Fun with Functions**
- **Repetition, Repetition: Counting**
- **Moving the iRobot *Create*: Part 1**
- **Moving the iRobot *Create*: Part 2**
- **Color Camera**
- **iRobot *Create* Sensors**
- **Logical Operators**
- **Resources and Support**



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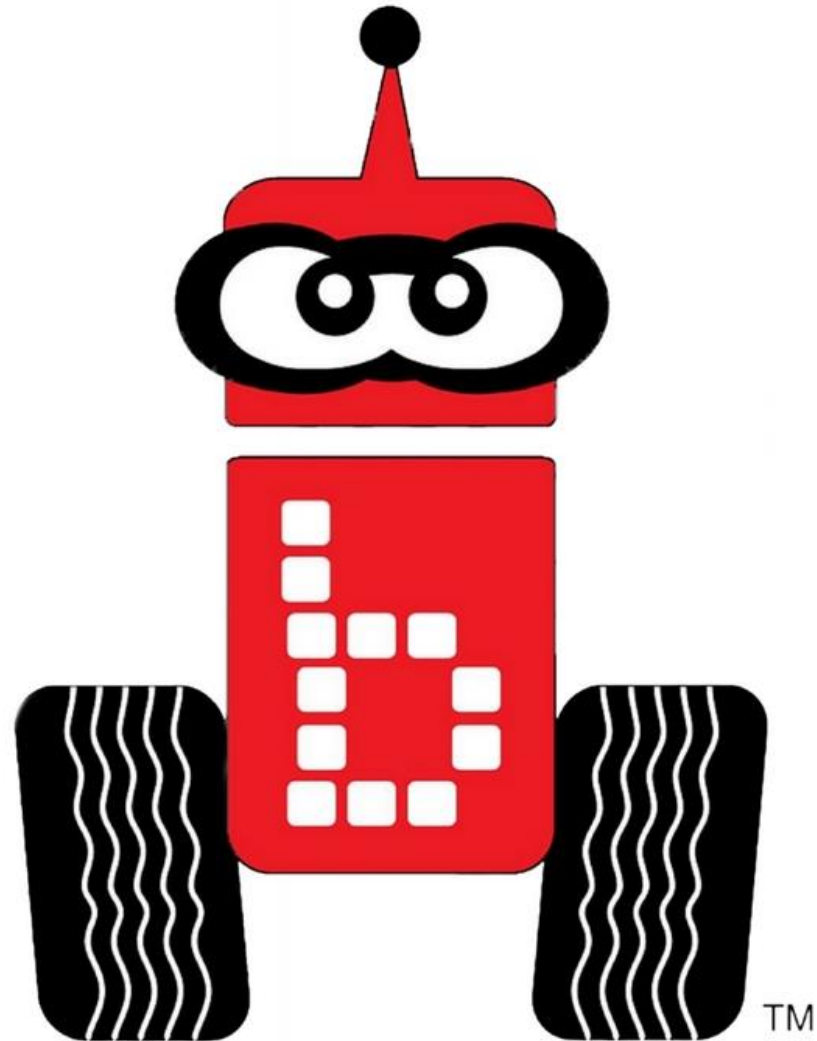
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Botball Overview

What and when?

GCER and ECER

Preview of this year's game

Homework for tonight

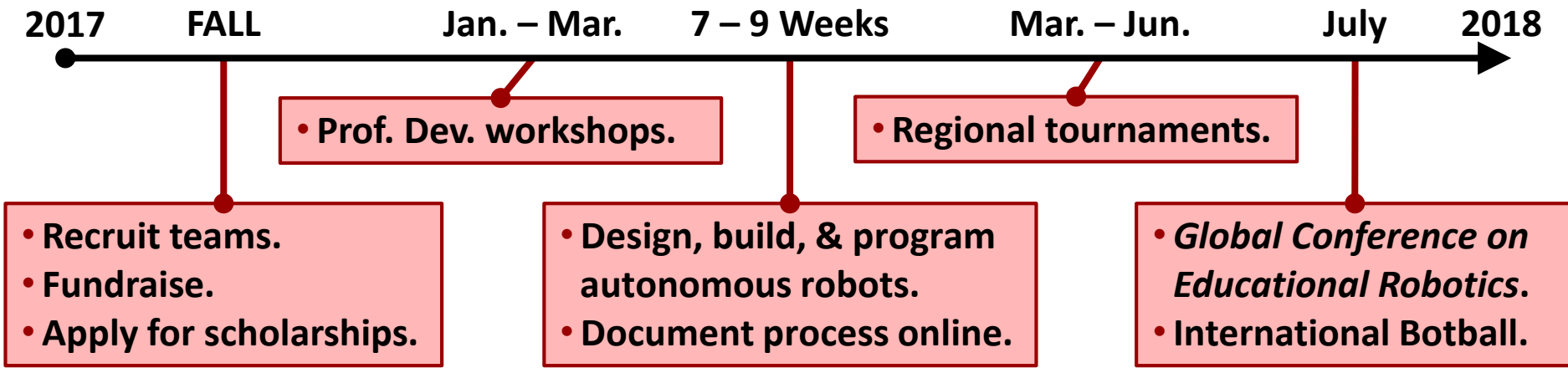


What is Botball?

- Produced by the **KISS Institute for Practical Robotics (KIPR)**, a non-profit organization based in Norman, OK.
- Engages middle and high school aged students in a **team-oriented robotics competition** based on **national education standards**.
- By **designing, building, programming, and documenting** robots, students use **science, technology, engineering, math, and writing** skills in a **hands-on project** that **reinforces their learning**.

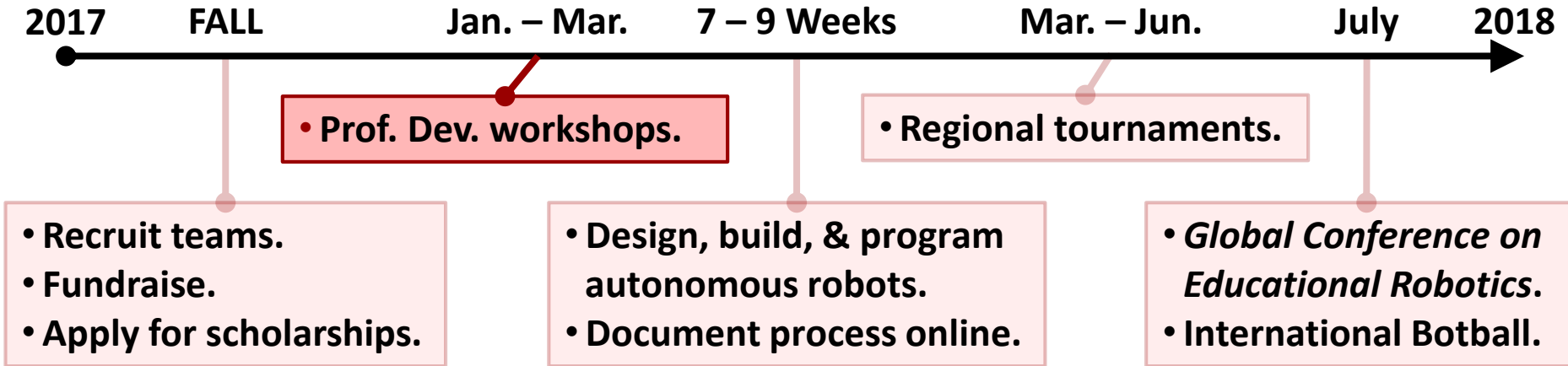


When is Botball?





When is Botball?



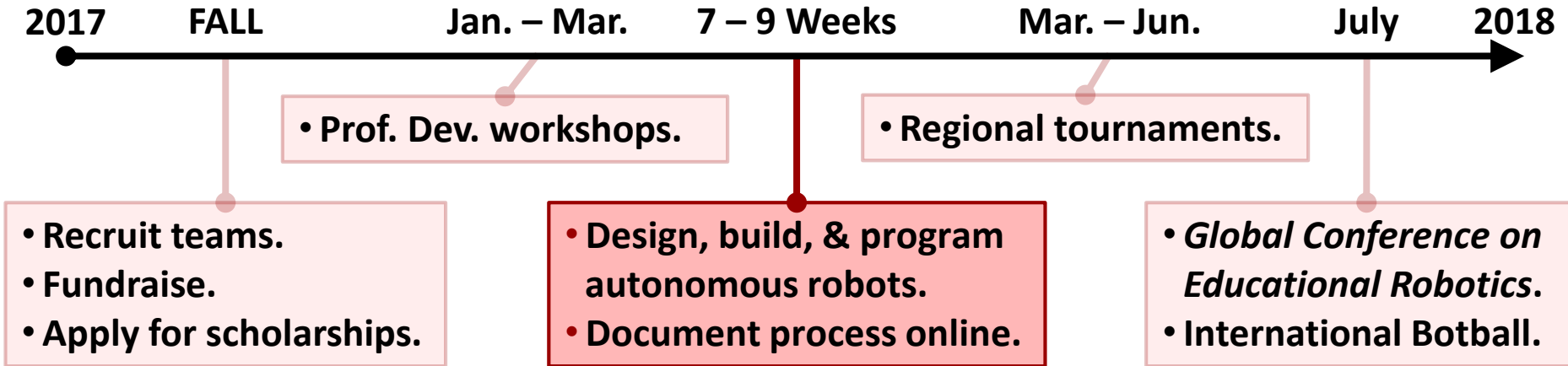
YOU ARE HERE!

- **Provides the skills and tools necessary** to compete in the tournament.
- Teams will learn to program robots, and **will leave with working systems.**
- **Skills and tools/equipment are kept** and are reusable outside of Botball.
- **Not a standalone curriculum!** Goal is to **support team success in Botball!**

(For building and programming resources, visit the **Team Home Base.**)



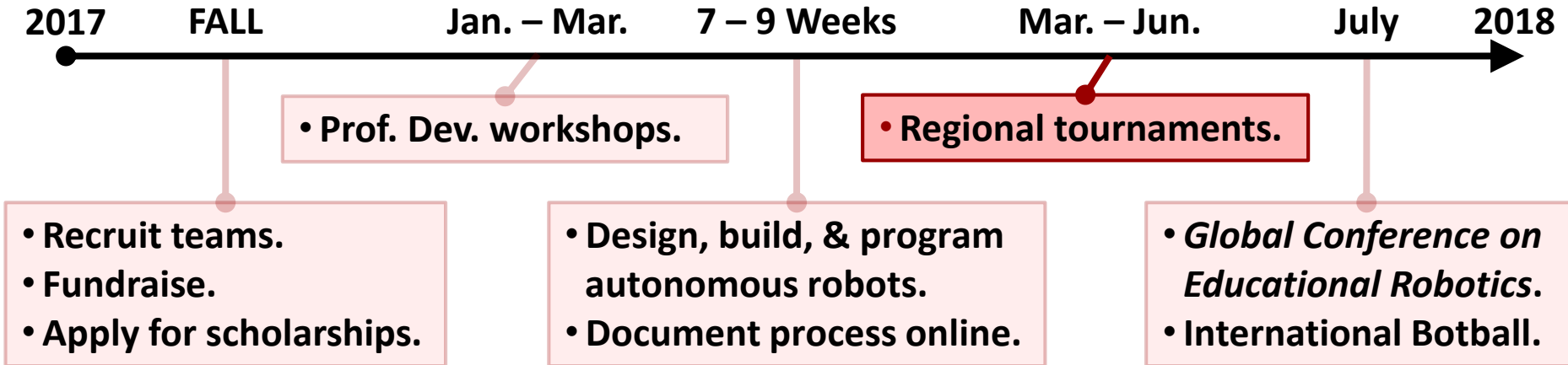
When is Botball?



- Reinforces **computational thinking** and the **engineering design process**.
- Teams must submit three online project documents, **which count for points**.
- **Online support** throughout the season from KIPR and other Botball teams.



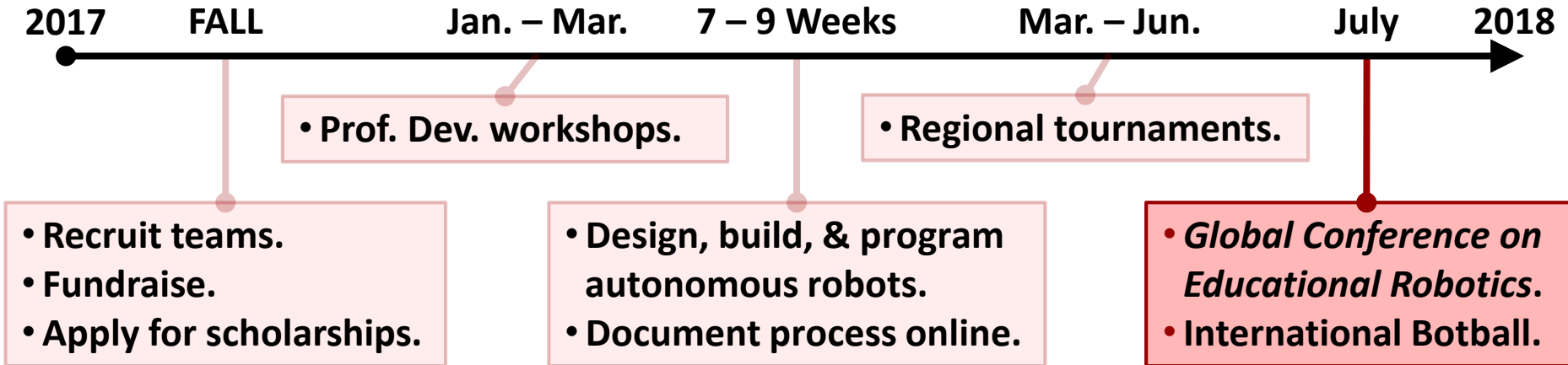
When is Botball?



- **Practice:** teams test and calibrate robot entries on the official game boards
- **Seeding rounds:** teams compete against the task to score the most points
- **Double elimination (DE) rounds:** teams compete head-to-head
- **Alliance matches:** teams eliminated in DE pair up to score points *together*
- **Onsite documentation:** 8-minute technical presentation to judges



When is Botball?



Global Conference on Educational Robotics (GCER)

- **International Botball Tournament:** all teams are invited to participate
- **Paper presentations:** students may submit and present papers at GCER
- **Guest speakers:** presentations from academic and industry leaders
- **Autonomous showcase:** students display projects in a science fair style

YOU ARE ALL ELIGIBLE!



GCER-2018

Global Conference on Educational Robotics



- Indian Wells, California
 - aka “Coachella Valley”
- July 25-29, 2018
- International Botball Tournament
- Autonomous Robotics Showcase
- Junior Botball Challenge
- Meet and network with students from around the country and world
- Talks by internationally recognized robotics experts
- Teacher, student, and peer reviewed track sessions

<http://gcer.net>



GCER-2018

Global Conference on Educational Robotics

Preconference classes on July 24th

Global Junior Botball Challenge

KIPR Open Autonomous Robotics Game

- Botball for grown-up kids!



Autonomous
Aerial
Vehicle
Competition



ECER-2018

European Conference on Educational Robotics

- Malta
 - In the Mediterranean Sea
- April 16-20, 2018
- European Botball Competition
- Talks by Researchers and Students

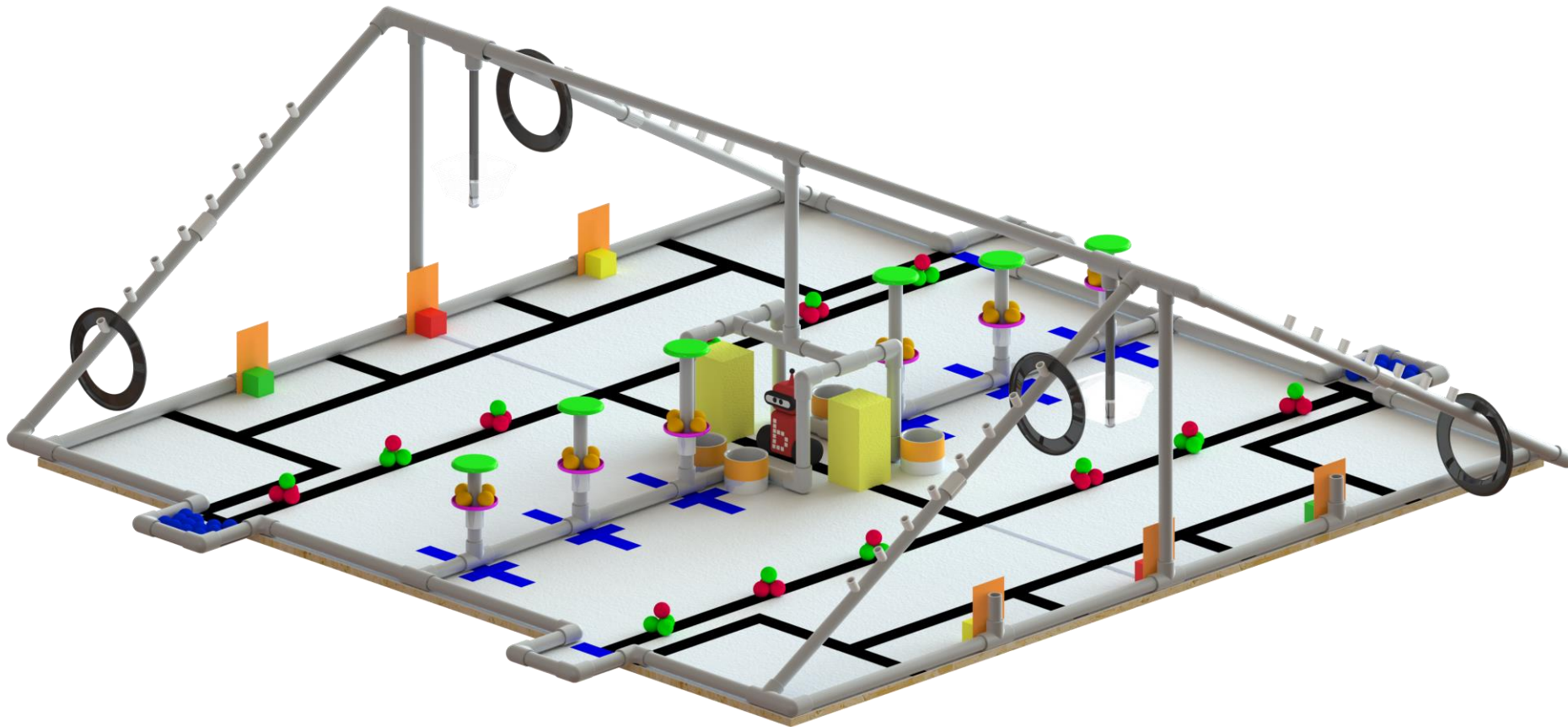


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Botball game board





Homework for tonight


Review the game rules on your Team Home Base

- We will have a **30-minute Q&A session** tomorrow.
- After the workshop, ask questions about game rules in the **Game Rules Forum**.
 - You should **regularly visit this forum**.
 - You will **find answers to the game questions** there.



Botball Team Home Base

Found at <http://homebase.kipr.org>



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Welcome to the Botball Team Home Base

2018 Team Home Base

The Team Home Base is your resource for:

- Botball online project documentation
- Botball game FAQs
- Other Botball game related resources



Preview of this year's Botball game

Botguy Visits the Valley

Botguy has made his way out West and is ready to see how he can benefit the Coachella Valley community with robotic applications in agriculture, while getting to enjoy some of the benefits the valley has to offer. The Coachella Valley is known for their date farming and their amazing aerial views from the tram. Botguy has been hired to improve tourism as well as farming practices in the area, despite frequent limitations on water for irrigation.

Hold your questions!

Game Q&A is tomorrow!



Getting Started with the KIPR Software Suite

What is a programming language?

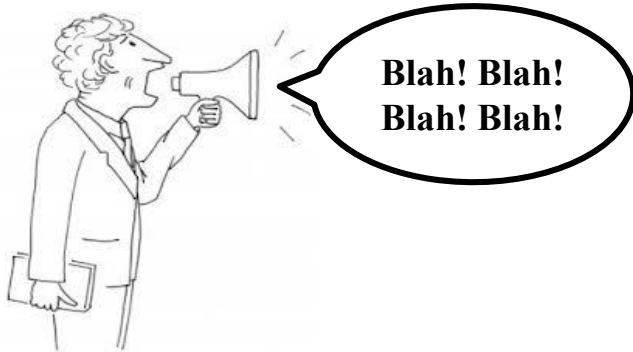
How can I create new projects and files?

How can I write and compile source code?

How can I run programs on the KIPR Wallaby?

What is a *programming language*?

Human

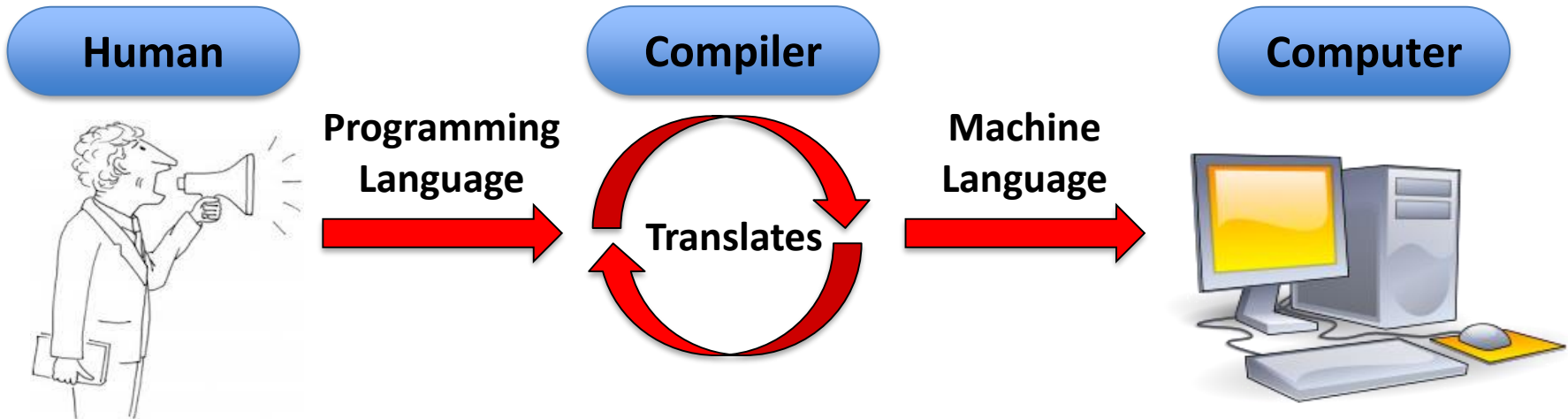


Computer



- **Computers** only understand **machine language** (stream of bytes), which computers can **read and execute** (run).
- Unfortunately, **humans** don't speak **machine language**...

What is a *programming language*?



- **Humans** have created **programming languages** that allow them (humans) to write “**source code**” that is easier for them (humans) to understand.
- **Source code** is **compiled** (translated) by a **compiler** (part of the **KIPR Software Suite**) into **machine language** so that the **computer** can **read and execute** (run) the code.
- Programming languages have funny names (C, C++, Java, Python, ...)

Connect the Wallaby to your computer at Workshop and Tournament

- Connect the **Wallaby** to your computer using **USB Cable**
 1. Plug battery into Wallaby- YELLOW TO YELLOW.
 2. Turn on the Wallaby with the **black switch on the side**



1. Once your Wallaby has booted, the Wallaby will appear in the list of available Ethernet connections for your computer.
2. If you get a message about the driver raise your hand for help or go to the team home base: **Troubleshooting->USB driver** for instructions



Loading the Starting Web Page (USB)

1. Launch your web browser (such as Chrome or Firefox, but not Internet Explorer) and power up your Wallaby.
2. Copy this IP address into your browser's address bar followed by ":" and port number 8888; e.g.,

192.168.124.1:8888

IP address Port #

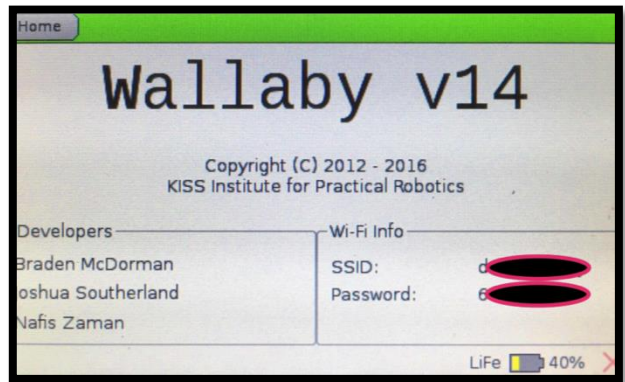
3. Note that USB cable IP address is 192.168.**124**.1:8888
4. The user interface for the package will now come up in your browser.
5. TEST THIS at the workshop
 - a. See Team Homebase -> 2018 Resources -> Troubleshooting -> USB Driver



Connect the Wallaby to your computer, Smart Phone or Tablet At School

- Connect the **Wallaby** to your Browser device via Wi-Fi
- This is great at home or School
- **Not recommended at Large Workshops or any Tournament**

1. Turn on the Wallaby with the **black switch on the side**
 - a. Note: the actual version number you see **most likely will be v23 (or higher)**



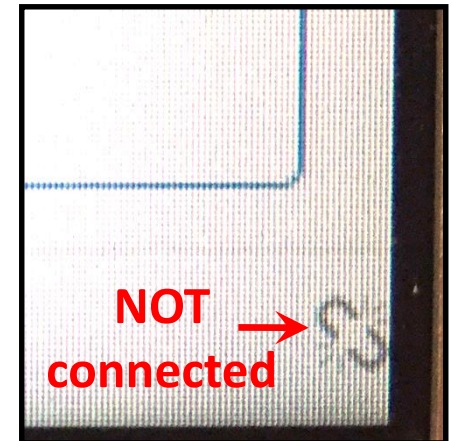
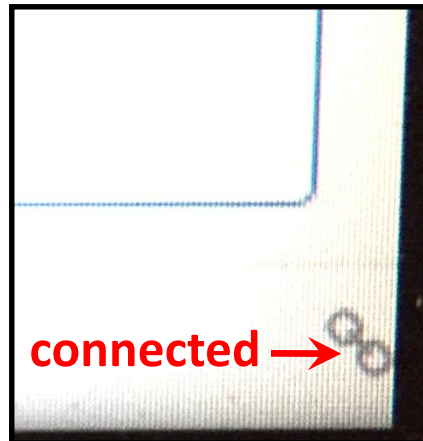
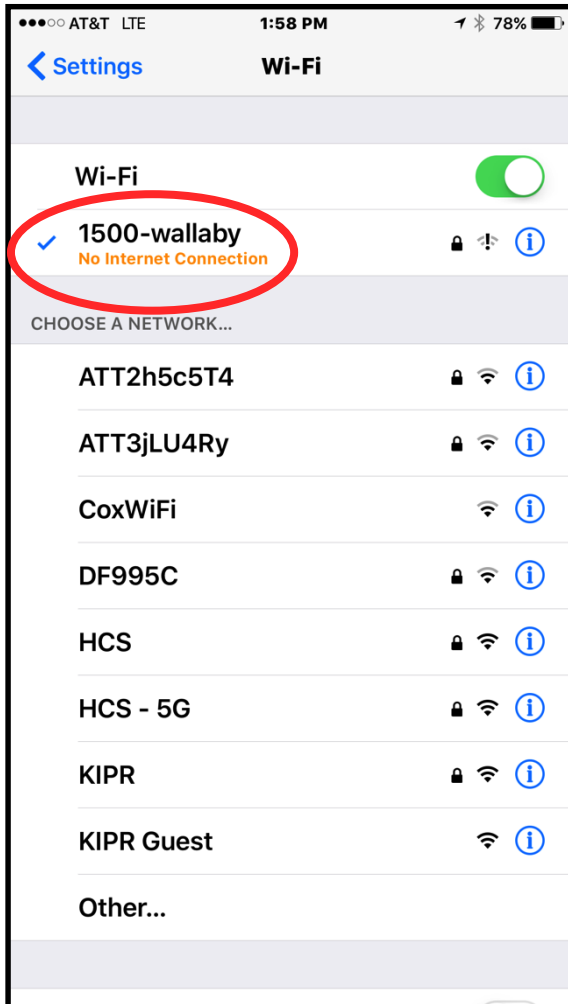
2. Use the info (Wallaby SSID # and Password), from the about page, to connect via Wi-Fi



Connection

When you are connected to your Wallaby, your device may give various errors; “no internet connection” or “connected with limited..”

In the bottom right corner of the KIPR IDE there is an icon that shows if you are still connected to the Wallaby.





Loading the Starting Web Page (Wi-Fi)

1. Launch a web browser such as Chrome or Firefox (Internet Explorer **will not work**) and power up your Wallaby. Connect to the Wallaby via Wi-Fi.
2. Copy this IP address into your browser's address bar followed by ":" and port number 8888; e.g.,

192.168.125.1:8888

IP address Port #

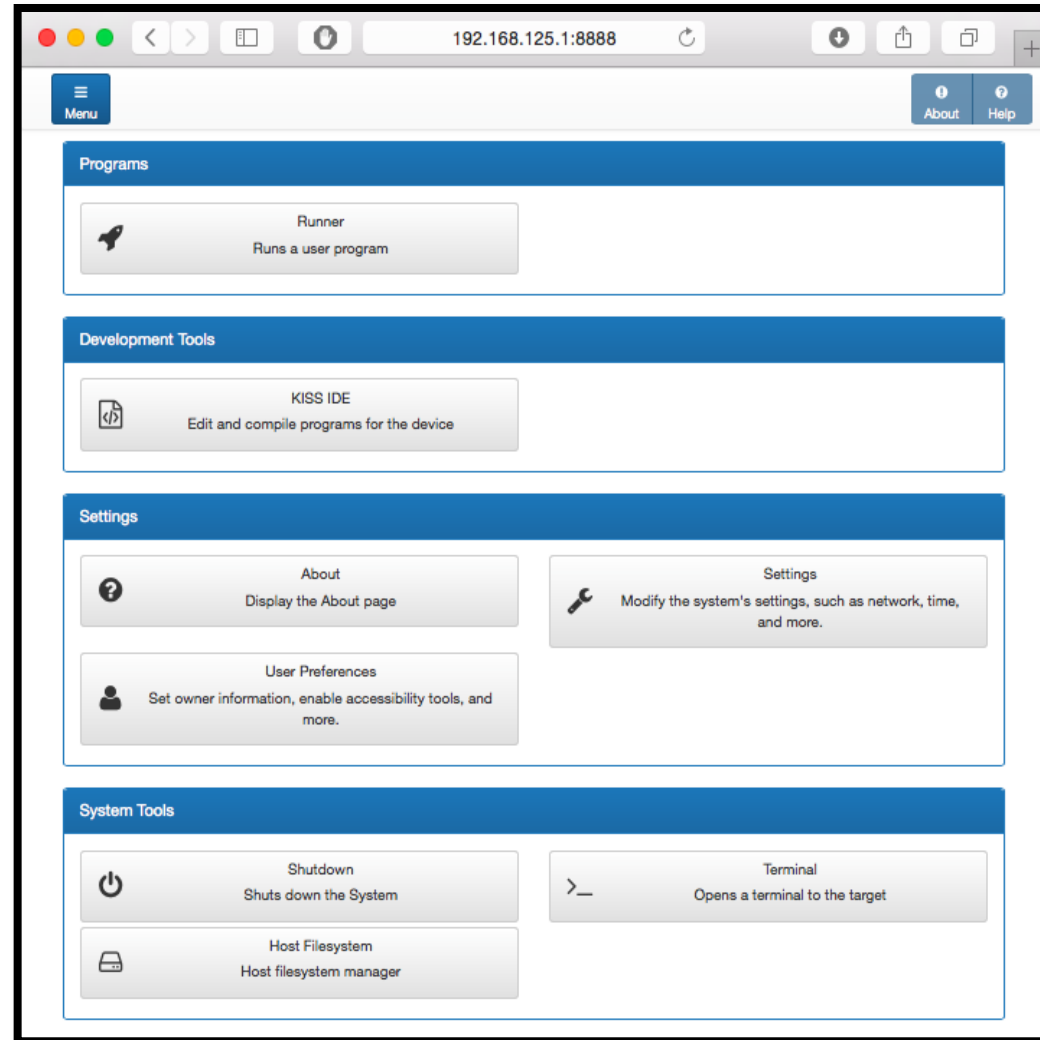
3. The user interface for the package will now come up in your browser.
 - a. **Note: during competitions use the USB cable connection (IP address: 192.168.124.1)**
4. You may use a computer, tablet or even a smart phone through Wi-Fi.



How can I write and compile my own source code?

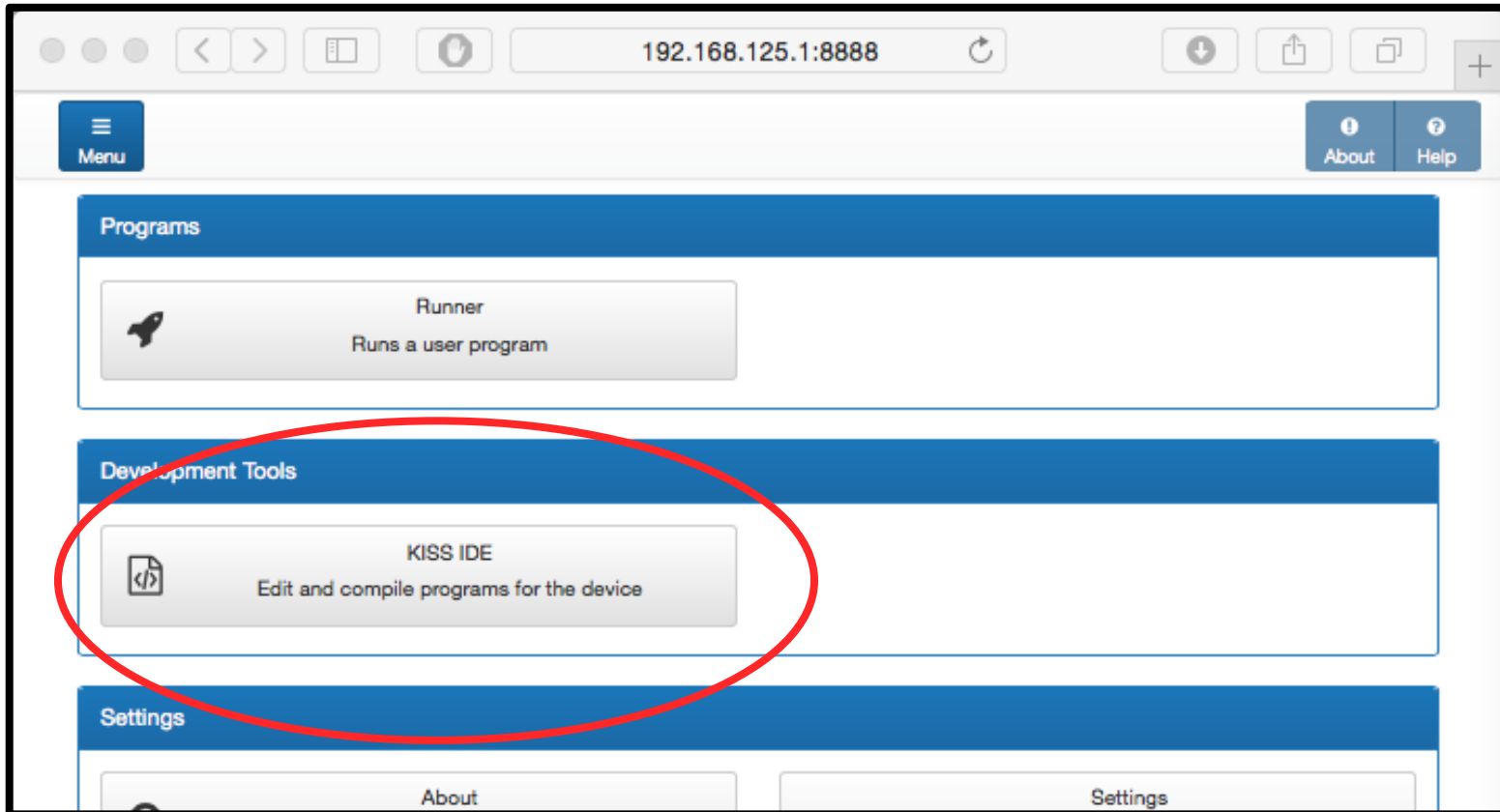
To make it easier for you to learn and use a programming language, KIPR provides a web-based **Software Suite** which will allow you to write and compile source code using the **C programming language**.

The development package will work with almost any web browser **except Internet Explorer**.



Creating your first project

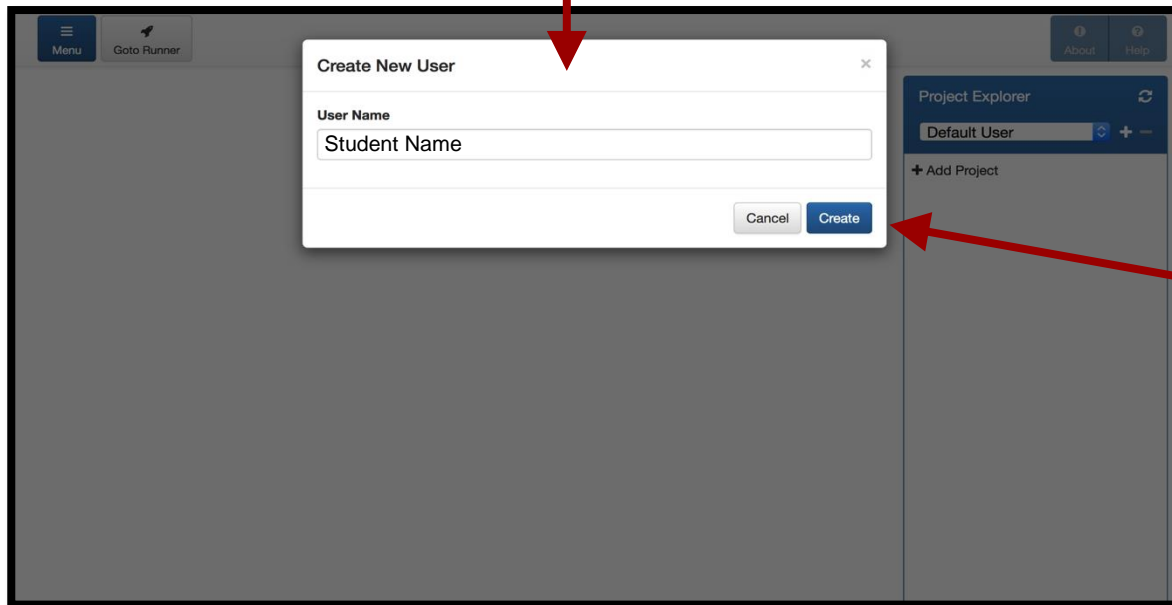
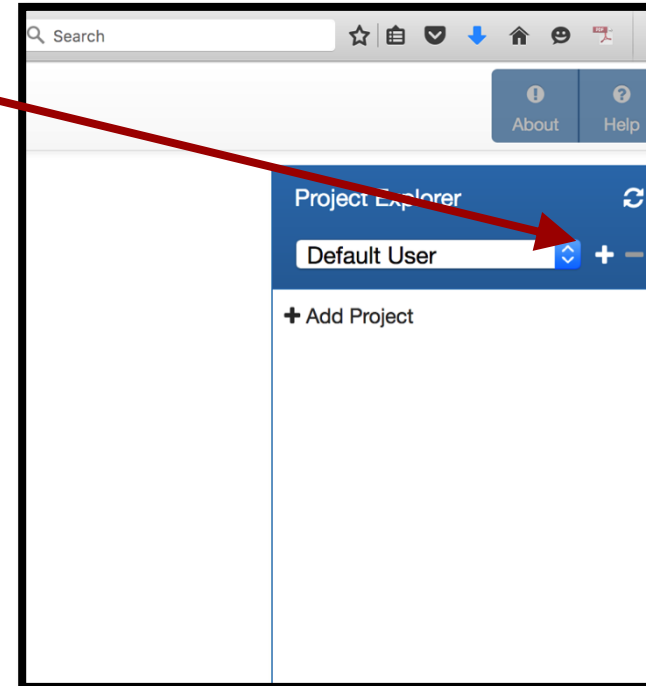
1. Click on the ***KISS IDE*** button.



NOTE: The buttons might be in different locations depending on device type.

Creating your first user folder

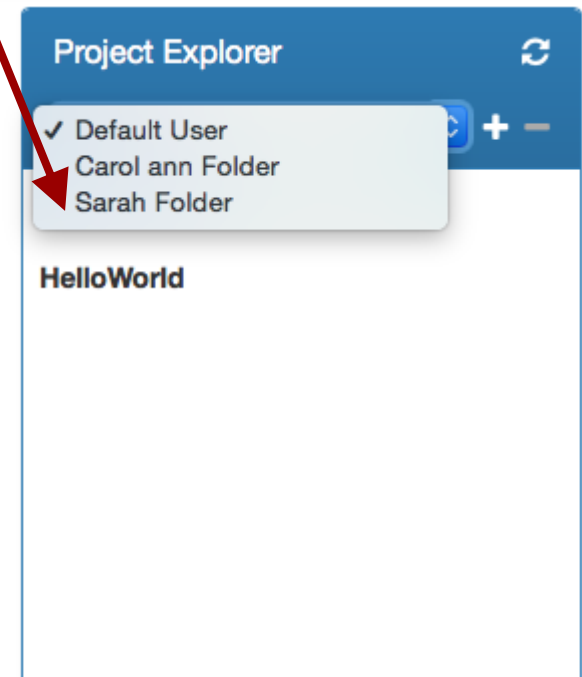
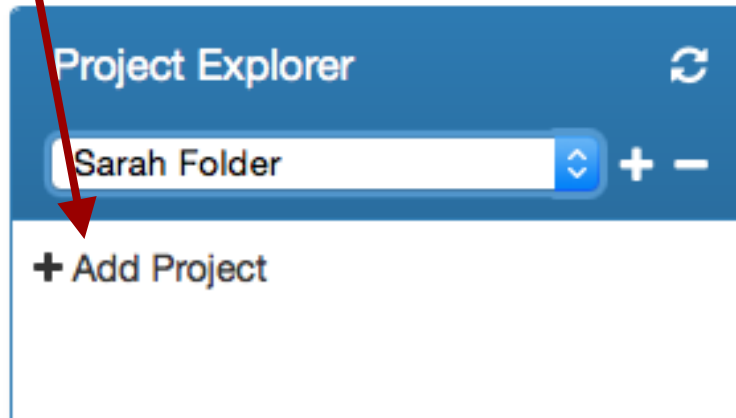
1. Add a new user folder by clicking the **+** sign in the **Project Explorer**.
2. Name your new user folder by the student's name to help organization. All of your different projects will go into this user folder.



3. Click **Create** to complete.

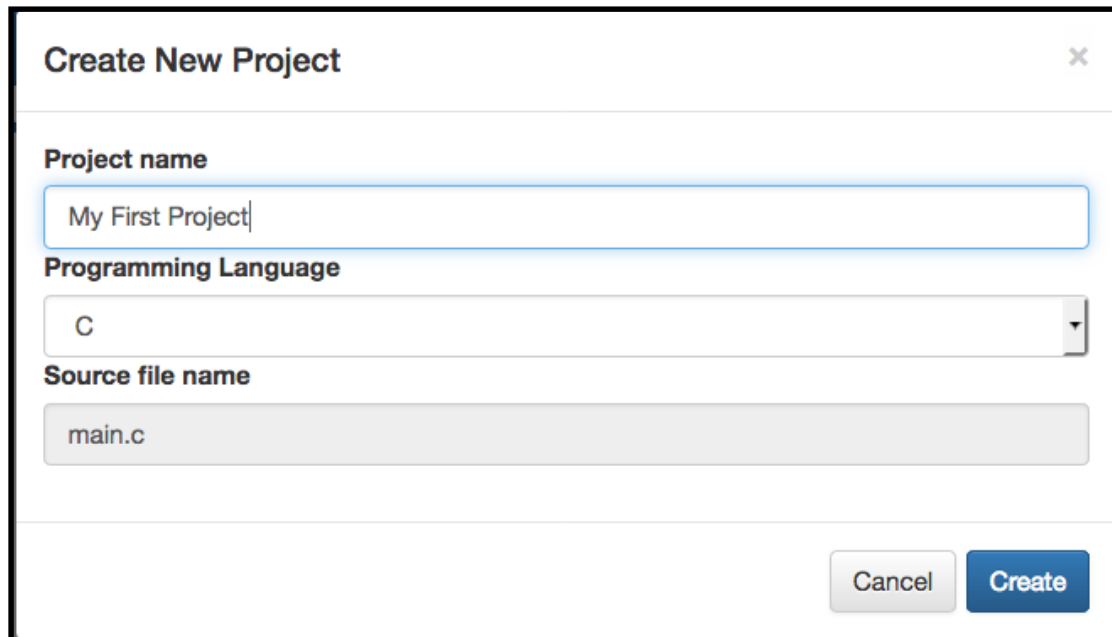
Creating your first project

1. Go back to **Project Explorer** and select the **User Name** you created from the drop down. This is the folder you created.
2. Click **+Add Project**. You are adding a project to your folder.



Name your project

1. Give your project a **descriptive name**
 - **Note:** you will have a lot of student's projects, so consider using their first name followed by the name of the activity.
2. Give a descriptive Source File Name as well. The Source File needs to end with a **.c**
 - Then press the **Create** button.



Create New Project

Project name

My First Project

Programming Language

C

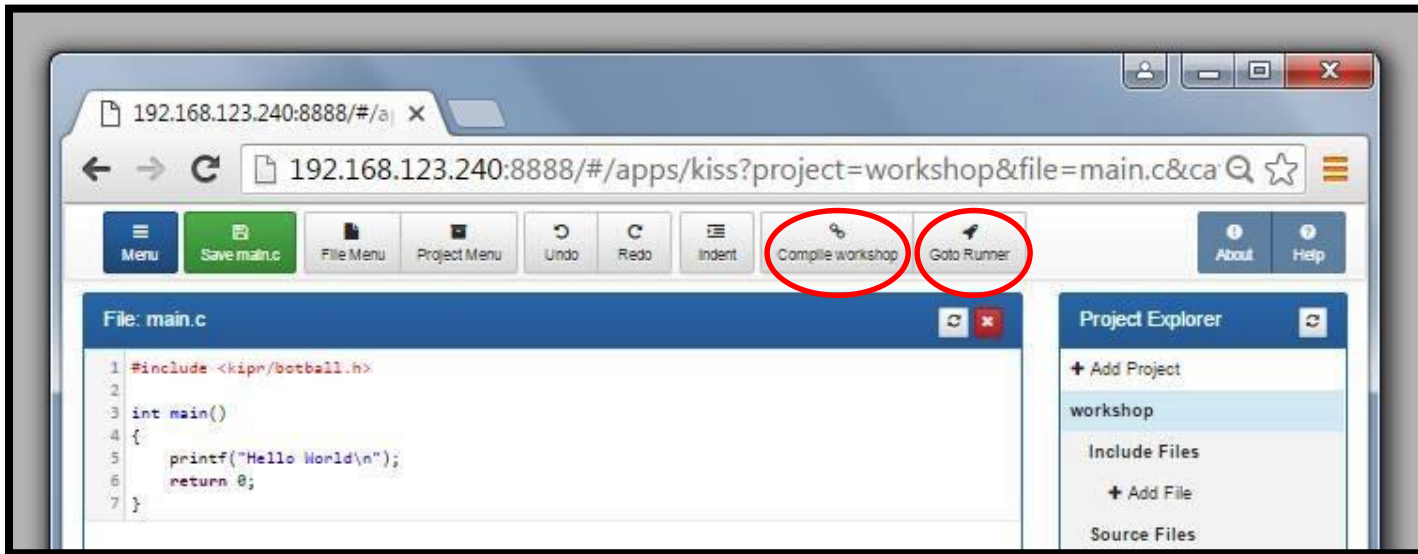
Source file name

main.c

Cancel Create

Compile and Then Run Your Project

1. Click the **Compile** button for your project and, if successful, click **Run** so you can run your project to see if it works.

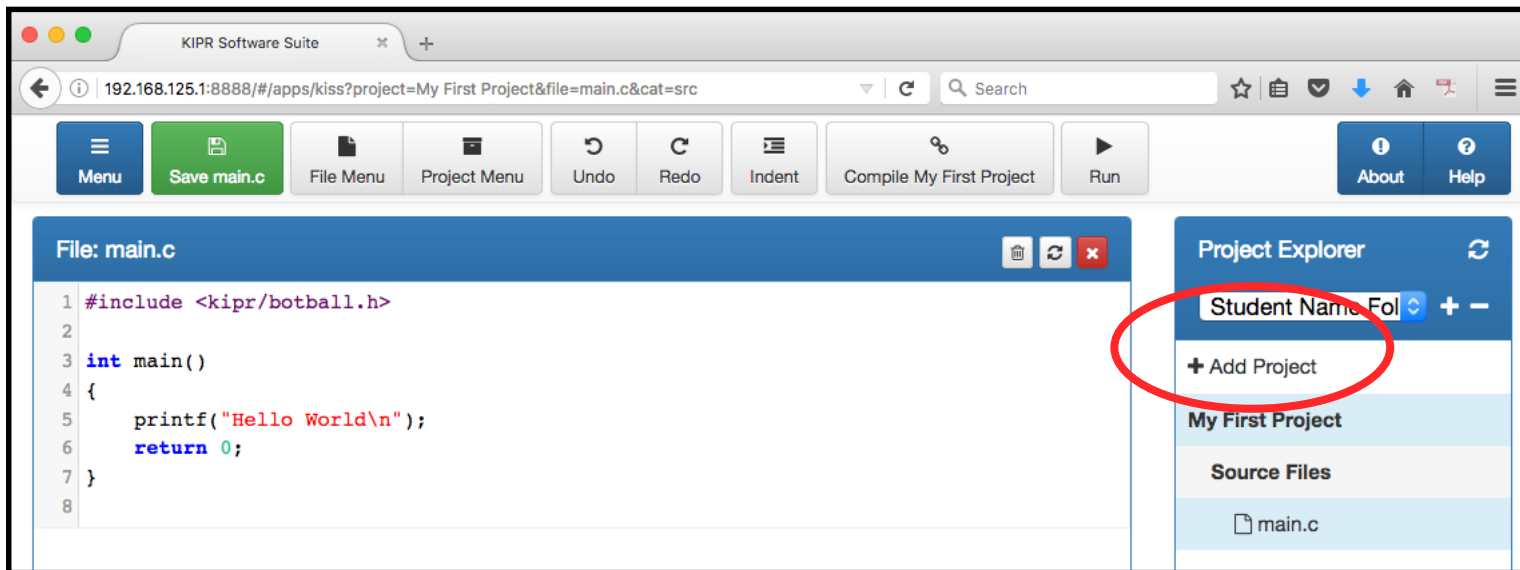


NOTE: When you compile, your project is automatically saved.

Starting another project

Note: one *project* = one *program*.

- Click the **+ Add Project** button or click the **Menu** button to return to the starting menu.
- Proceed as before.
- The **Project Explorer** panel will show you all of the user folder projects and actively edited files.





Explaining the “Hello, World!” C Program

Program flow and the main function
Programming statements and functions
Comments



“Hello, World!”

File: main.c

```
1 #include <kipr/botball.h>
2
3 int main()
4 {
5     printf("Hello World\n");
6     return 0;
7 }
8
```

Note: We will use this template every time; we will delete lines we don't want, and we will add lines that we do want.

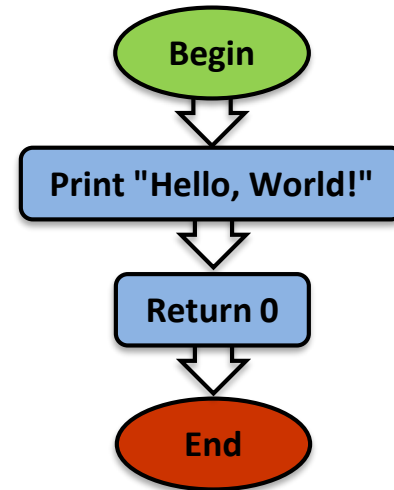


Program flow and line numbers

```
File: main.c
1 #include <kipr/botball.h>
2
3 int main()
4 {
5     printf("Hello World\n");
6     return 0;
7 }
8
```

Top

Bottom



Computers read a program just like you read a book—
they read each line starting at the top and go to the bottom.

Computers can read incredibly quickly—
Millions of lines per second!



Source code

File: main.c

```
1 #include <kipr/botball.h>
2
3 int main()
4 {
5     printf("Hello World\n");
6     return 0;
7 }
8
```

This is the **source code** for our first **C program**.

Let's look at each part of the **source code**.



The main function

A **function** defines a list of actions to take.
A function is like a **recipe** for baking a cake.

When you **call** (use) the function,
the program follows the instructions and bakes the cake.

```
// Created on Thu January 5 2018
```

```
int main()  
{  
    printf("Hello, World!\n");  
    return 0;  
}
```

← This is the **main ()** function.

When you run your program,
the **main function** is executed.

A C program must have
exactly one **main ()** function.



Block of code

The list of actions that the function performs is defined inside a **block of code**.

```
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```

```
int main() ← Block Header
```

```
{  
    printf("Hello, World!\n");  
    return 0;  
}
```

Begin →

End →

This is a **block of code**.

A block of code should always be preceded by a **block header**, which is the line just before the {

A block is defined between a **beginning** curly brace { and an **ending** curly brace }



Programming statements

```
// Created on Thu January 5 2018
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
printf("Hello, World!\n");
```

```
return 0;
```

```
}
```

Statement #1 →

Statement #2 →

Inside the **block of code** (between the { and } braces), we write lines of code called **programming statements**.

Each **programming statement** is an action to be executed by the computer (or robot) **in the order that it is listed.**

There can be any number of **programming statements** within a **block of code**.



Ending a programming statement

```
// Created on Thu January 5 2018
```

```
int main()  
{  
    printf("Hello, World!\n");  
    return 0;  
}
```

Each **programming statement** ends with a semicolon ; (unless it is followed by a new **block of code**).

This is similar to an **English sentence**, which ends with a **period**.

If an **English sentence** is missing a **period**, then it is a run-on sentence.



Ending the main function

```
// Created on Thu January 5 2018
```

```
int main()  
{  
    printf("Hello, World!\n");  
    return 0;  
}
```



The **return** statement is generally the **last line before the } brace**.

The **main function** ends with a **return** statement, which is a response or answer to the computer (or robot).

In this case, the “answer” back to the computer is **0**.



Comments

The **green** text at the top of the program is called a “comment”.

```
// Created on Thu January 5 2018
```

```
int main()  
{  
    printf("Hello, World!\n");  
    return 0;  
}
```

Comments are helpful notes that can be read by you or your team—they are *ignored* (not read) by the computer!



Text color highlighting

The KISS IDE highlights parts of a program to make it easier to read. (By default, the KISS IDE colors your code and adds line numbers.)

- Includes in **purple**
 - Comments in **green**
 - Text strings appear in **red**
 - Keywords appear in **blue**
- ```
File: main.c
1 #include <kipr/botball.h>
2 // Commenting for the flow of code
3 int main()
4 {
5 printf("Hello World\n");
6 return 0;
7 }
8
```



# Print your name

**Description:** Write a program for the KIPR Wallaby that prints your name.

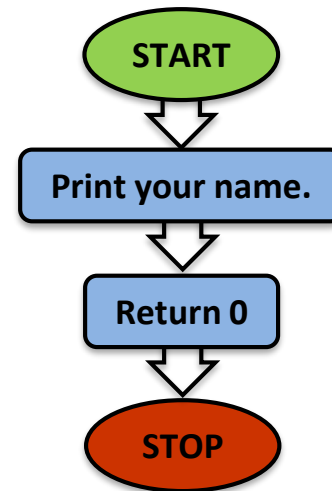
## Solution:

### Source Code

```
int main()
{
 // 1. Print your name.
 printf("Botguy\n");

 // 2. End the program.
 return 0;
}
```

### Flowchart





# Designing Your Own Program

**Breaking down a task**

**Pseudocode, flowcharts, and comments**

**`wait_for_milliseconds` function**

**Debugging your program**



# Complex tasks → simple subtasks

- Break down the objectives (**complex tasks**) into smaller objectives (**simple subtasks**).
- Break down the smaller tasks into even smaller tasks. Continue this process until each subtask can be accomplished by a list of individual programming statements.
- For example, the larger task might be to make a PB&J Sandwich which has smaller tasks of getting the bread and PB&J ready and then combining them.

# Practice printing

**Description:** Write a program for the KIPR Wallaby that prints "Hello, World!" on one line, and then prints your name on the next line.

**Analysis:** What is the program supposed to do?

## Pseudocode

1. Print "Hello, World!"
2. Print your name.
3. End the program.

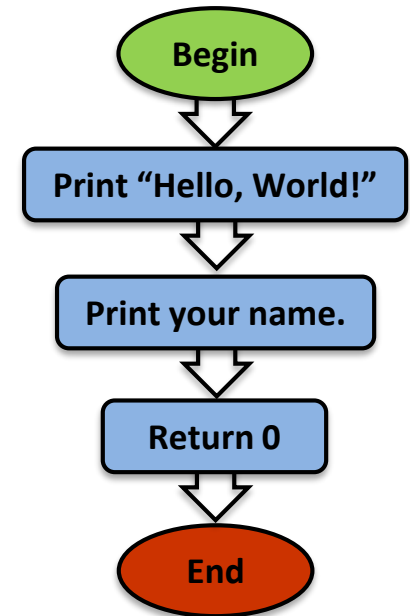
In English,  
write a list of actions  
to solve an activity.

## Comments

- ```
// 1. Print "Hello, World!"
// 2. Print your name.
// 3. End the program.
```

These are three different
ways to do this.

Flowchart



Practice printing

Solution: Create a **new project**, create a **new file**, and enter your **pseudocode** (as **comments**) and **source code** in the **main** function.

- **Note:** remember to give your project and file descriptive (unique) names!

Source Code

Pseudocode (Comments)

```
int main()
{
    // 1. Print "Hello, World!"
    // 2. Print your name.
    // 3. End the program.
}
```

Helps you *write*
the real code!

```
int main()
{
    // 1. Print "Hello, World!"
    printf("Hello, World!\n");

    // 2. Print your name.
    printf("Botguy\n");

    // 3. End the program.
    return 0;
}
```

Execution: Compile and run your program on the KIPR Wallaby.



Practice printing

Reflection: What did you notice after you ran the program?

- The Wallaby reads code and goes to the next line faster than a blink of your eye.
- At 800MHz, the Wallaby is executing millions of lines of code per second!
- To control a robot, sometimes it is helpful to **wait for some duration of time** after a function has been called so that it can actually run on the robot.
- To do this, we use the built-in function called `wait_for_milliseconds()`, later this can be shortened to `msleep()`



Let's use this!



Using `msleep()`

```
int main()
{
    printf("Hello ");
    msleep(2500); // wait for 2500 ms
    printf("what is your name?\n");
    return 0;
}
```

What is this?

Another name for `wait_for_milliseconds()` is `msleep()`. It is identical and shorter to type, but more difficult to remember.

`msleep(2500)` is the same as `wait_for_milliseconds(2500)`.

Waiting for some time

Description: Write a program for the KIPR Wallaby that prints "Hello, World!" on one line, waits two seconds, and then prints your name on the next line.

Analysis: What is the program supposed to do?

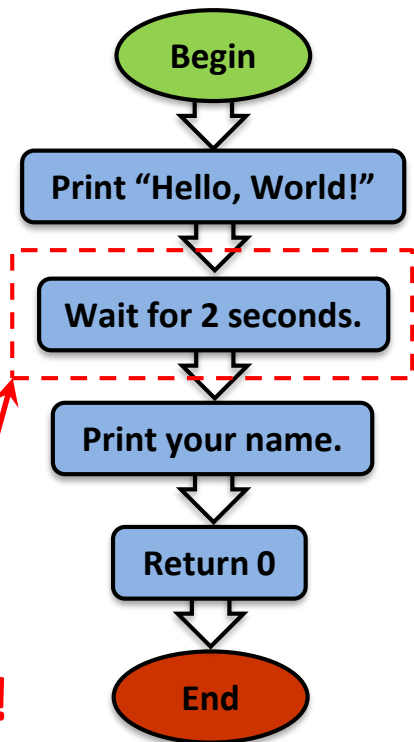
Pseudocode

1. Print "Hello, World!"
2. Wait for 2 seconds.
3. Print your name.
4. End the program.

Comments

```
// 1. Print "Hello, World!"
// 2. Wait for 2 seconds.
// 3. Print your name.
// 4. End the program.
```

Flowchart



New!

Waiting for some time

Solution: Create a **new project**, create a **new file**, and enter your **pseudocode** (as **comments**) and **source code** in the **main** function.

- **Note:** remember to give your project and file descriptive (unique) names!

Source Code

Pseudocode (Comments)

```
int main()
{
    // 1. Print "Hello, World!"
    // 2. Wait for 2 seconds.
    // 3. Print your name.
    // 4. End the program.
}
```

```
int main()
{
    // 1. Print "Hello, World!"
    printf("Hello, World!\n");

    // 2. Wait for 2 seconds.
    msleep(2000);

    // 3. Print your name.
    printf("I'm Botguy\n");

    // 4. End the program.
    return 0;
}
```

Execution: Compile and run your program on the KIPR Wallaby.



Waiting for some time

Reflection: What did you notice after you ran the program?

- Did your code work the first time you typed it in?
- Did you have any **errors**?



Debugging Errors

!!! ERROR !!!

- If you do not follow the rules of the **programming language**, then the **compiler** will get confused and not be able to **translate** your **source code** into **machine code**—it will say “**Compile Failed!**”
- The Wallaby will try to tell you where it *thinks* the **error** is located.
- The process of trying to resolve this **error** is called “**debugging**”.
- To test this, remove a **;** from one of your programs and compile it.
 - How about if you remove a **"** from one of your printf statements?
 - What if you type msleep as **Msleep**?

Debugging Errors

line # : col # (the error is on or before line # 6)

```
/home/root/Documents/KISS/Default User/hey/src/main.c: In function 'main':
/home/root/Documents/KISS/Default User/hey/src/main.c:6:5: error: expected ';' before 'return'
return 0;
```

“expected ;” (semicolon)

File: main.c

```
1 #include <kipr/botball.h>
2
3 int main()
4 {
5     printf("Hello World\n")
6     return 0;
7 }
8
```

When there is an error, you can ignore the first error line (“In function ‘main’”) and read the next to see what the first error is. If you have a lot of errors, start fixing them from the top going down. Fix one or two and recompile.

Compilation Failed

Compilation Failed

```
/home/root/Documents/KISS/Default User/hey/src/main.c: In function 'main':
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```



Moving the DemoBot with Motors

Plugging in motors (ports and direction)
motor functions

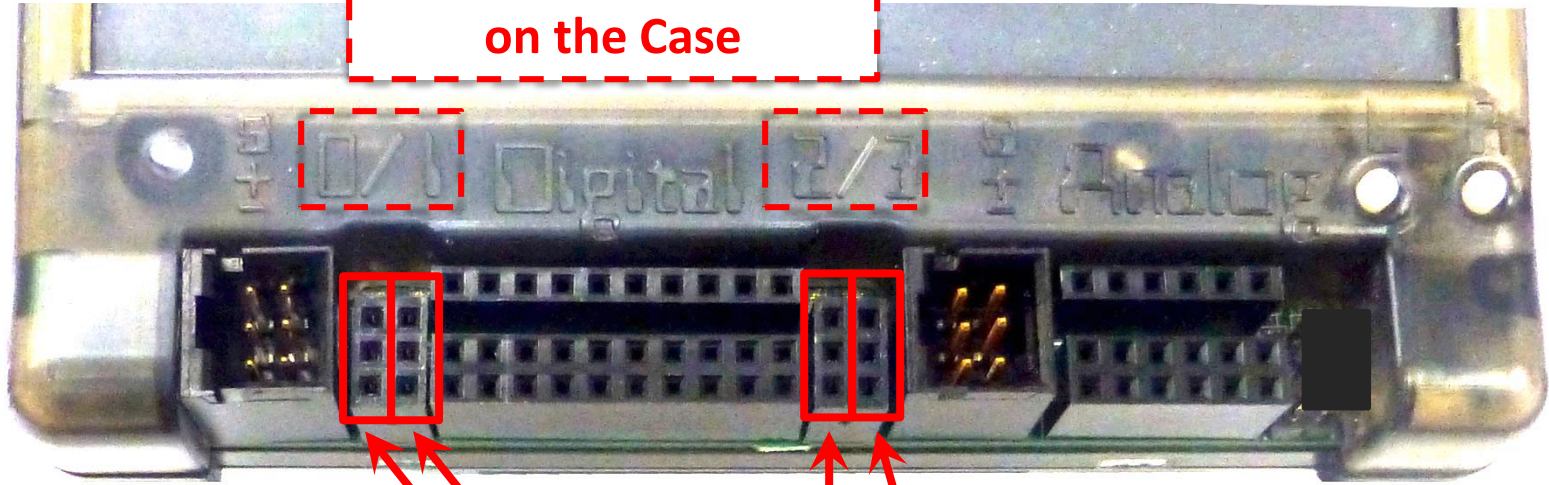


Check your robot's motor ports

- To program your robot to move, you need to know which **motor ports** your motors are plugged into.
- Computer scientists tend to start counting at 0, so the **motor ports** are numbered **0, 1, 2, and 3**.

Wallaby motor ports

Motor Labels are on the Case

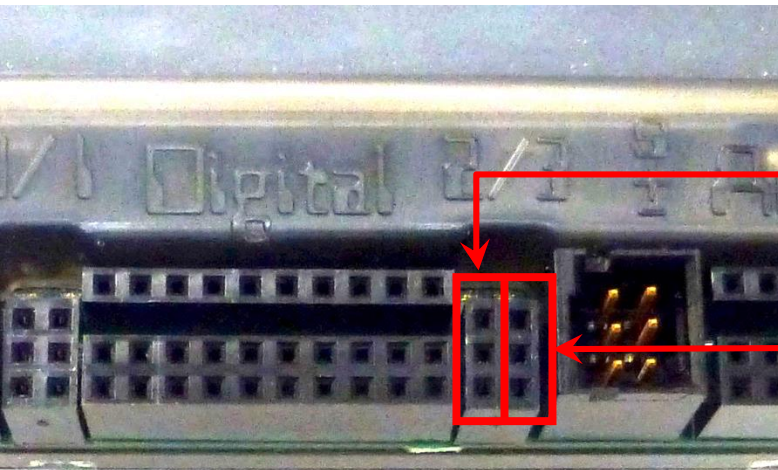


Motor Ports 0, 1,

2, and 3

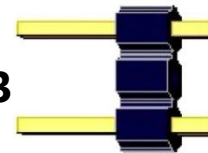
Plugging in motors

- **Motors** have red wire and a black wire with a **two-prong plug**.
- The Wallaby has 4 motor ports numbered **0 & 1** on left, and **2 & 3** on right.
- When a port is powered (receiving motor commands), it has a light that glows **green** for one direction and **red** for the other direction.
 - Plug orientation order determines motor direction.
 - By convention, **green** is **forward (+)** and **red** is **reverse (-)**
 - Unless you plug in the motors “backwards”.



Motor Port #2

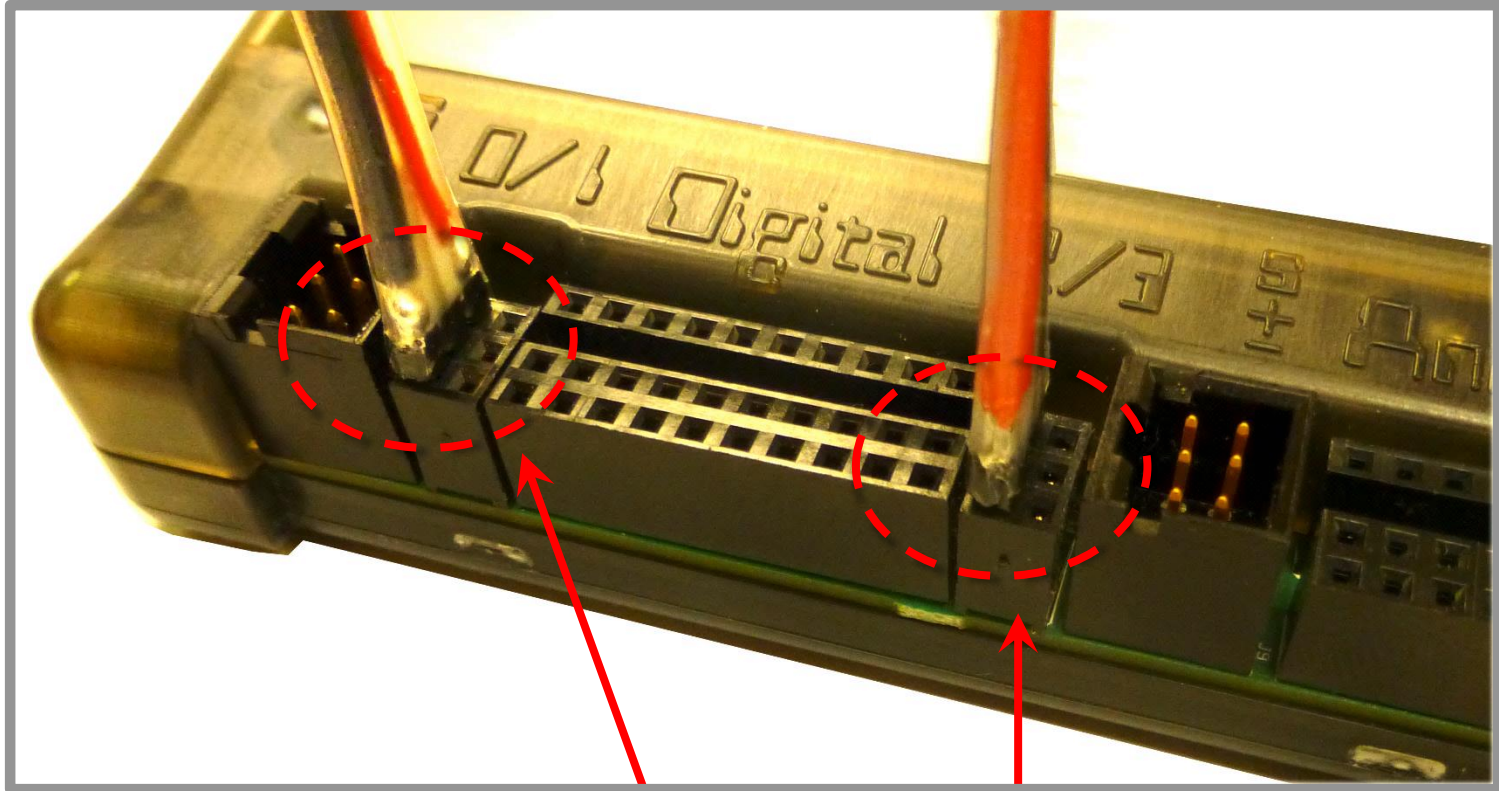
Motor Port #3



Drive motors have a two-prong plug.



Plugged in motors

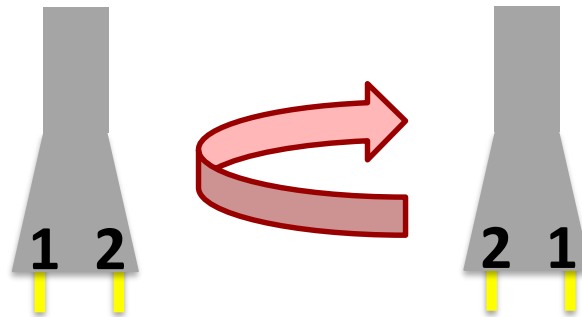


DemoBot Motor Ports 0 (right wheel) and 2 (left wheel)

Motor direction

You want your motors going in the same direction;
otherwise, your robot will go in circles!

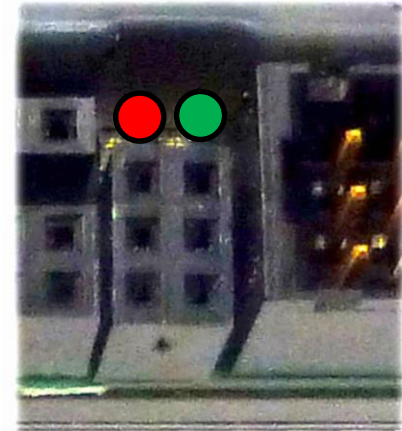
- **Motors** have a red wire and a black wire with a two-prong plug.
- There is no left side or right side.
- You can plug these in two different ways:
 - One direction is clockwise, and the other direction is counterclockwise.
 - The red and black wires help determine motor direction.



Motor port and direction check

There is an easy way to check this!

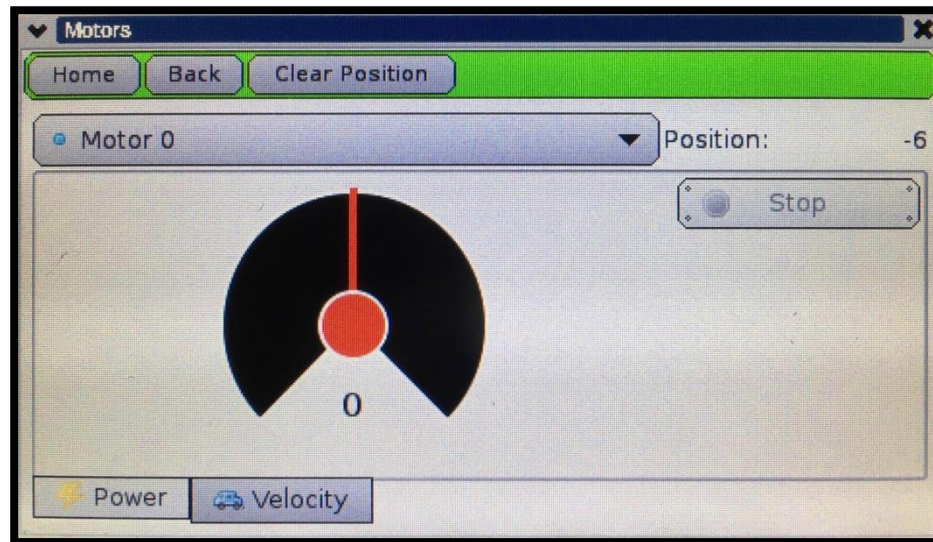
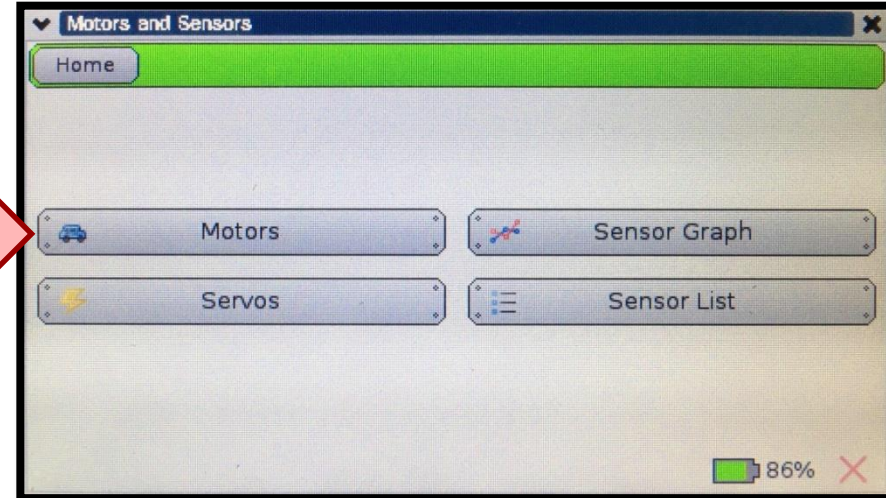
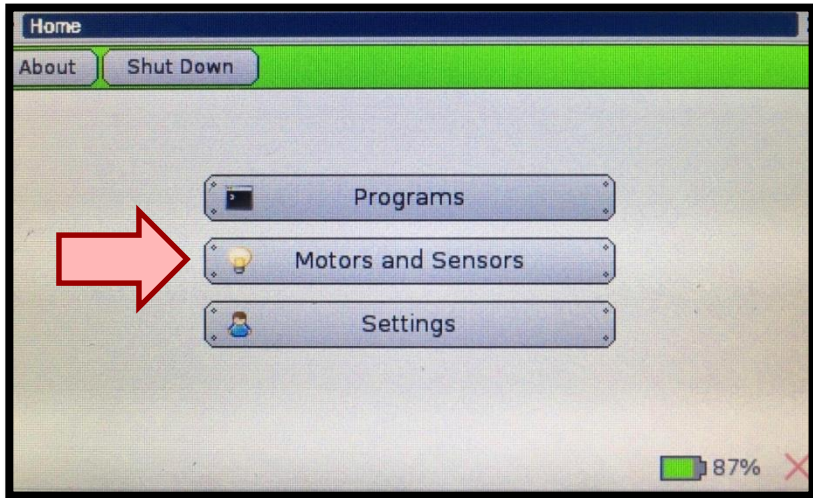
- Manually rotate the tire, and you will see an LED light up by the **motor port** (the **port #** is labeled on the board).
 - If the LED is **green**, it is going **forward (+)**.
 - If the LED is **red**, it is going **reverse (-)**.



- Use this trick to check the **port #'s** and **direction** of your **motors**.
 - If one is **red** and the other is **green**, turn one motor plug 180° and plug it back in.
 - The lights should both be **green** if the robot is moving forward.



Use the Motor Widget





Common motor functions

There are several functions for motors.
We will begin with `motor`.

Motor port #
(between 0 and 3)

```
motor(0, 100);  
// Turns on motor port #0 at 100% power.  
// Select any power between -100% and 100%.  
  
msleep(# milliseconds);  
// Wait for the specified amount of time.  
  
ao();  
// Turn off all of the motors.
```

A **positive number** should drive the motor **forward**; if not, rotate the motor plug 180°.

A **negative number** should drive the motor **reverse**.

If two drive motors are plugged in in opposite directions from each other, then the robot will go in a circle.



Using motor and ao

```
int main()
{
    motor(0, 100);
    motor(2, 100);
    msleep(2500);
    ao();
    return 0;
}
```



KIPR Wallaby functions hint sheet

Until you are familiar with the functions that you will be using, use this **cheat/hint sheet** as an easy reference.

Copying and pasting your own code is also very helpful.

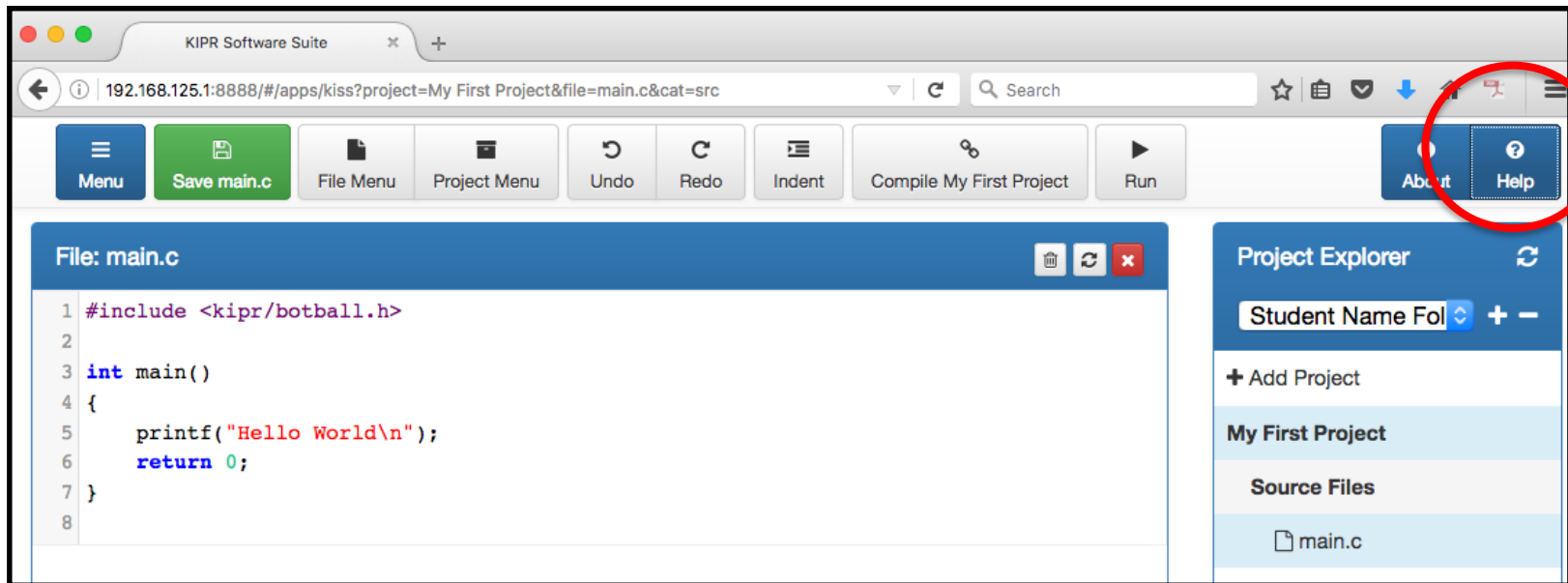
```

printf("text\n"); // Prints the specified text to the screen
msleep(# milliseconds); // Another name for wait_for_milliseconds (identical)
motor(port #, % velocity); // Turns on motor with port # at specified % velocity
motor_power(port #, % power); // Turns on motor with specified port # at specified % power
mav(port #, velocity); // Move motor at specified velocity (# ticks per second)
mrp(port #, velocity, position); // Move motor to specified relative position (in # ticks)
ao(); // All off; turns all motor ports off
enable_servos(); // Turns on servo ports
disable_servos(); // Turns off servo ports
set_servo_position(port #, position); // Moves servo in specified port # to specified position
wait_for_light(port #); // Waits for light in specified port # before next line
wait_for_touch(port #); // Waits for touch in specified port # before next line
analog(port #) // Get a sensor reading from a specified analog port #
digital(port #) // Get a sensor reading from a specified digital port #
shut_down_in(time in seconds); // Shuts down all motors after specified # of seconds

```

Wallaby Library Documentation

Access the Wallaby documentation by selecting the *Help* button in the KISS IDE



Moving the DemoBot

Description: Write a program for the KIPR Wallaby that drives the DemoBot forward at 80% power for two seconds, and then stops.

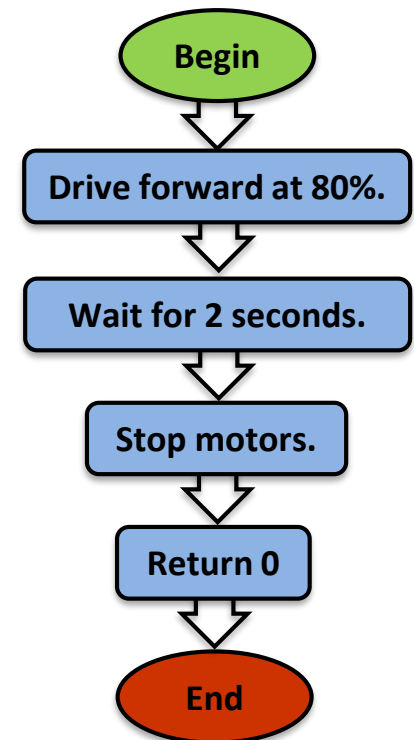
Analysis: What is the program supposed to do?

Pseudocode

1. Drive forward at 80%. // 1. Drive forward at 80%.
2. Wait for 2 seconds. // 2. Wait for 2 seconds.
3. Stop motors. // 3. Stop motors.
4. End the program. // 4. End the program.

Comments

Flowchart



Moving the DemoBot

Solution: Create a **new project**, create a **new file**, and enter your **pseudocode** (as **comments**) and **source code** in the **main** function.

- **Note:** remember to give your project and file descriptive, unique names!

Source Code

Pseudocode (Comments)

```
int main()
{
    // 1. Drive forward at 80%.
    // 2. Wait for 2 seconds.
    // 3. Stop motors.
    // 4. End the program.
}
```

```
int main()
{
    // 1. Drive forward at 80%.
    motor(0, 80);
    motor(2, 80);

    // 2. Wait for 2 seconds.
    msleep(2000);

    // 3. Stop motors.
    ao();

    // 4. End the program.
    return 0;
}
```

Execution: Compile and run your program on the KIPR Wallaby.

A small red robot with a white 'b' on its chest and two black wheels. It is positioned in the top left corner of the slide, next to a large white speech bubble that contains the title.

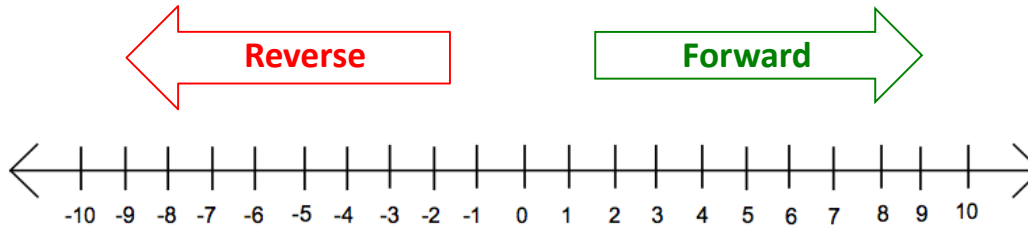
Moving the DemoBot

Reflection: What did you notice after you ran the program?

- Did the DemoBot move forward?
 - **Positive (+)** numbers should move the motors in a clockwise direction (**forward**); if not, rotate the motor plug 180° where it plugs into the Wallaby.
 - If your robot moves in a circle, one motor is either not moving (is it plugged in?) or they are moving in opposite directions (rotate the motor plug 180°).
- Did the DemoBot drive straight?
- How could you adjust the code to make the robot drive straight?
- How can you make the robot drive backwards?
- How can you make the robot turn left or right?

Robot driving hints

Remember your # line:
positive numbers (+) go forward and negative numbers (-) go in reverse.



Driving straight: it is surprisingly difficult to drive in a straight line...

- **Problem:** Motors are not exactly the same.
 - **Problem:** The tires might not be aligned perfectly.
 - **Problem:** One tire has more resistance.
 - **Solution:** You can adjust this by slowing down or speeding up the motors.
- And many, many other reasons...

Making turns:

- **Solution:** Have one wheel go faster or slower than the other.
- **Solution:** Have one wheel move while the other one is stopped.
- **Solution:** Have one wheel move forward and the other wheel move in reverse (friction is less of a factor when both wheels are moving).



Activity 1 (connections to the game)

You have a paper copy of this activity in your registration packet.

- 1) Start with *DemoBot* completely within the starting box on mat A.
- 2) Move a stack of 4 poms that starts on circle 2 or 4 into the appropriate garage. (green, orange, then blue)
- 3) The poms must come to rest completely within the colored garage.
- 4) The robots cannot push the poms over the solid lines that bound the garages.
- 5) Advance extension: remove the top pom from the stack or make sure that it is not touching the surface of the garage in which the other poms are located.
 - 1) See Team Home Base -> 2018 Resources -> Mechanical Engineering document.



Variables

Some reasons to use a variable:

1. You don't have to *remember* which port # is your right wheel and which is your left – the computer remembers for you
2. It makes your program easier to read and understand
3. Makes it easier to debug your program
4. You can do computation and store results in variables



Variables

- A **variable** is a *named* container that stores a **type** of **value**

A **variable** has the following three components:

- a. the **type** of data it stores (holds),
- b. the **name**, and
- c. the **value**.

```
  a      b
  ↓      ↓
int left;
left = 2;
```

Diagram illustrating the components of a variable declaration and assignment. Red arrows labeled 'a', 'b', and 'c' point to the type 'int', the name 'left', and the value '2' respectively.

Use `int` as your data type if you want to store whole numbers (integers)

- Visualize/think of a **variable** like a *storage space* that holds a value with a name on it...

- Left wheel motor port
- Right wheel motor port
- etc

```
left 2
right 0
```

Diagram illustrating variables as storage spaces. The variable 'left' is associated with the value 2, and the variable 'right' is associated with the value 0. Each variable name and its corresponding value are enclosed in a red box.



Variable names

Each **variable** is given a unique name so we can identify it...

- Variable names can be *almost* anything you would like.
- Variable names can contain **letters**, **numbers**, and **underscores** (“_”).
- Variable names **cannot** begin with a **number**.
- Variable names should be meaningful and not “x”

An Example:

```
int right;           // variable declaration
right = 0;          // variable "initialization"
```

You can do the declaration and initialization at the same time

```
int right = 0;
```




Working with Variables

1. Creating/declaring a variable:

```
int left;
```

2. Setting a variable:

```
left = 2;  
right = 0;
```

2. Using a variable:

```
left
```

What is `int`?

`int` stands for “integer”. This means that the variable `left` will have an integer (whole number) value.

See the team home base: **2018 Game Manuals** -> **Advanced Team Resources** document for more information on data types



Using Variable for Drive Motors

1. Variable declarations should go inside a block of code (i.e., inside the { }) immediately after the starting curly brace (i.e., {) and before any other code.

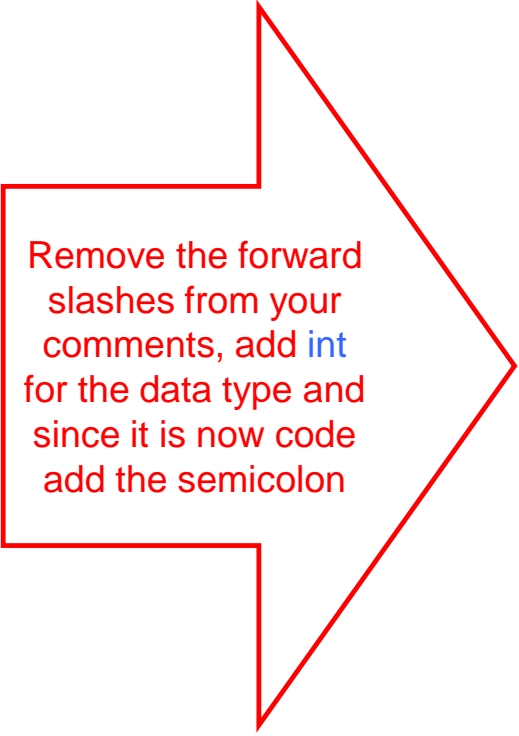
```
int main ()
{
    // left = 2
    // right = 0

    printf("Drive and turn\n");

    motor(2, 100);
    motor(0, 100);
    msleep(1000);

    motor(2, -50);
    motor(0, 50);
    msleep(500);

    return 0;
}
```



Remove the forward slashes from your comments, add `int` for the data type and since it is now code add the semicolon

```
int main ()
{
    int left = 2;
    int right = 0;

    printf("Drive and turn\n");

    motor(left, 100);
    motor(right, 100);
    msleep(1000);

    motor(left, -50);
    motor(right, 50);
    msleep(500);

    return 0;
}
```



Moving the DemoBot Servos

Plugging in servos (ports)

`enable_servos` and `disable_servos` functions
`set_servo_position` function



Servos

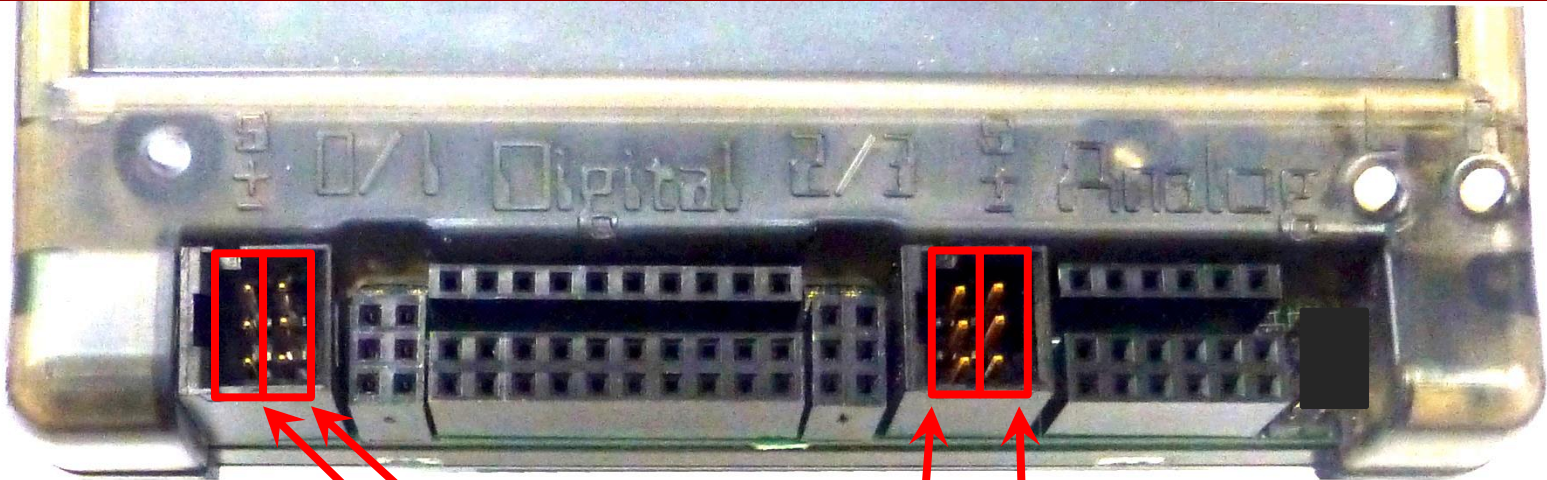
- A **servo motor** (or **servo** for short) is a motor that rotates to a specified **position between $\sim 0^\circ$ and $\sim 180^\circ$** .
- Servos are great for raising an arm or closing a claw to grab something.
- Servo motors look very similar to non-servo motors, but there are differences...
 - A servo has **three wires** (orange, red, and brown) and a **black plastic plug**.
 - A non-servo motor has **two gray wires** and a **two-prong plug**.

Large servo



Micro servo

KIPR Robotics Controller servo ports

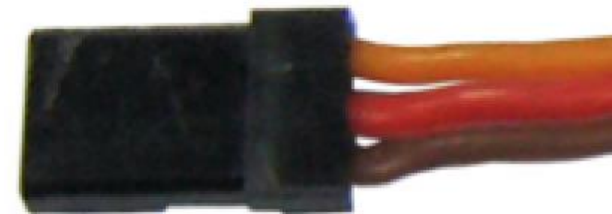
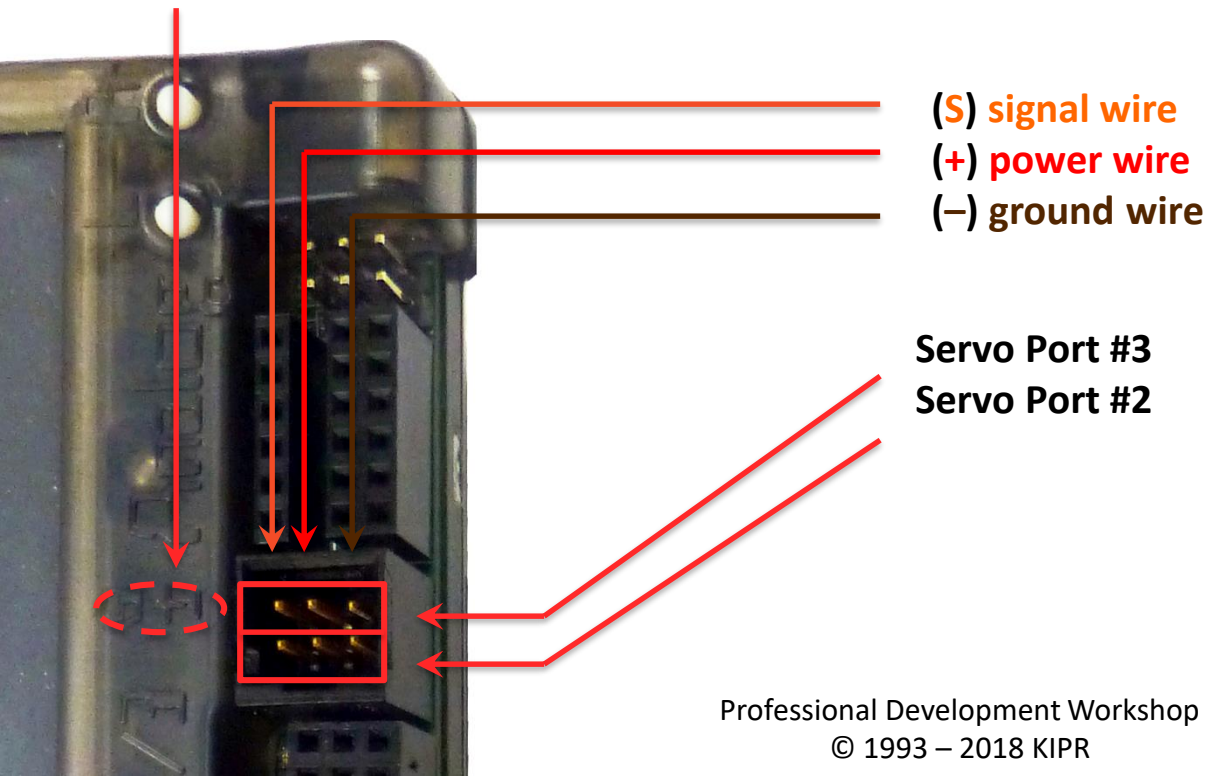


Servo Ports 0, 1,

2, and 3

Plugging in Servos

- The KIPR Robotics Controller has 4 servo ports numbered **0** (left) & **1** (right) on the left, and **2** (left) & **3** (right) on the right.
- Notice that the case of the KIPR Robotics Controller is marked:
 - (**S**) for the **orange (signal)** wire, which regulates servo position
 - (**+**) for the **red (power)** wire
 - (**-**) for the **brown (ground)** wire (“the ground is down, down is negative”)

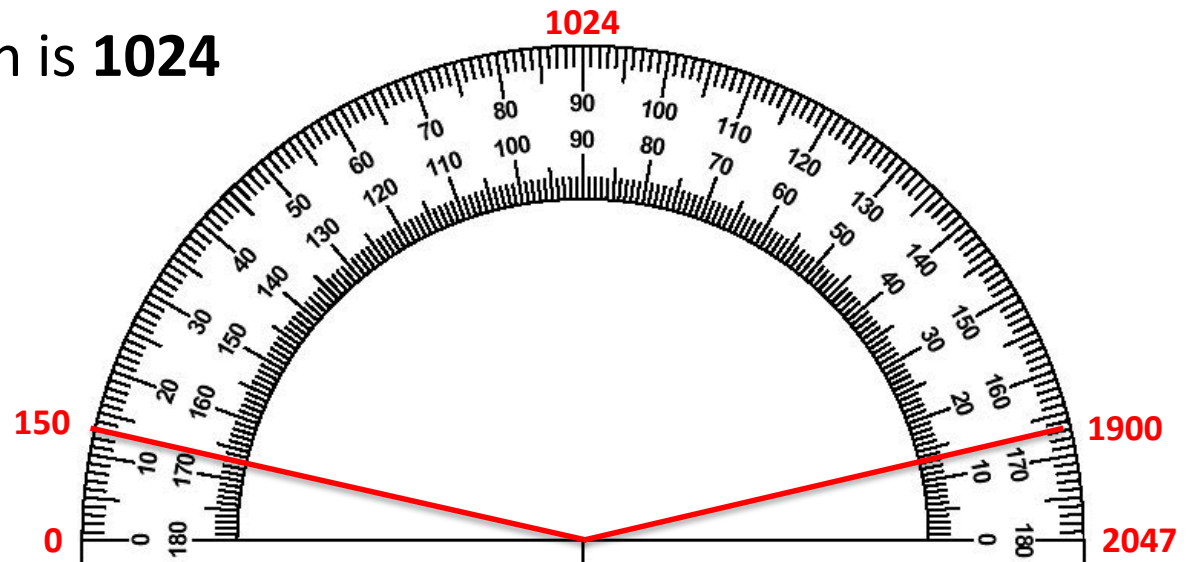


NOTICE:
orientation
plugging in the
servos is very
important



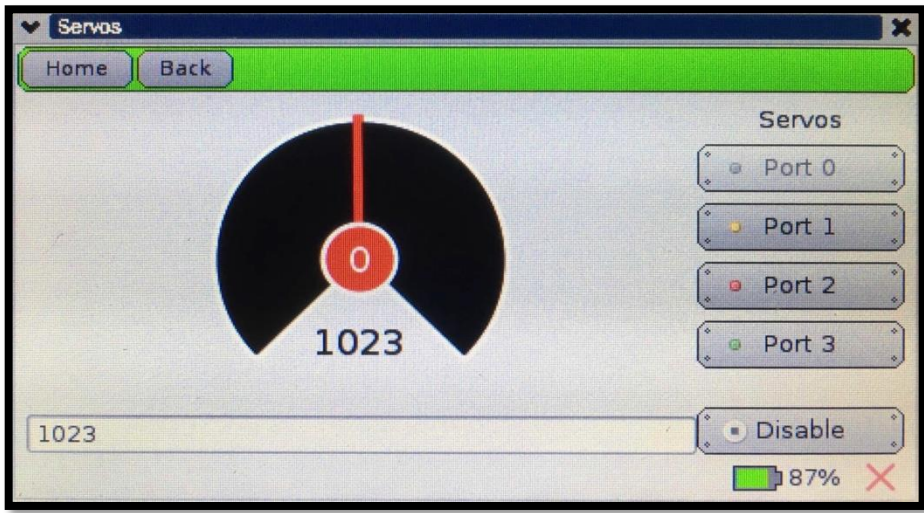
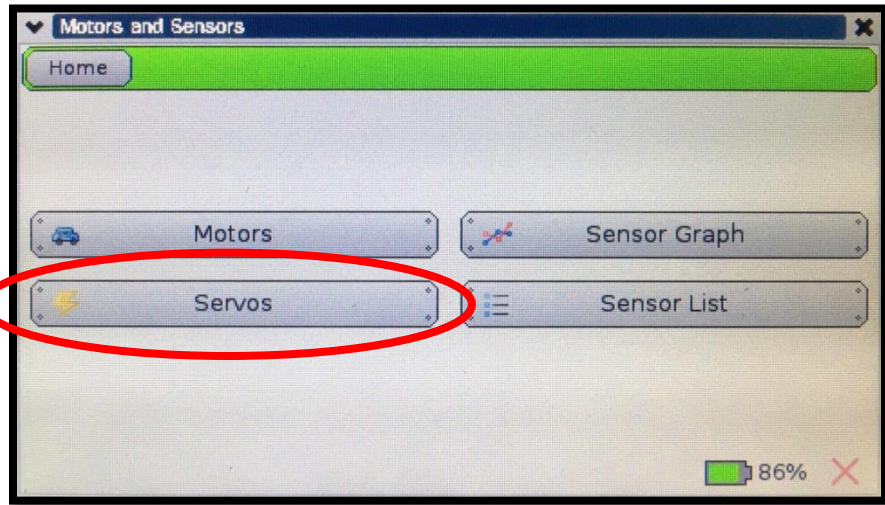
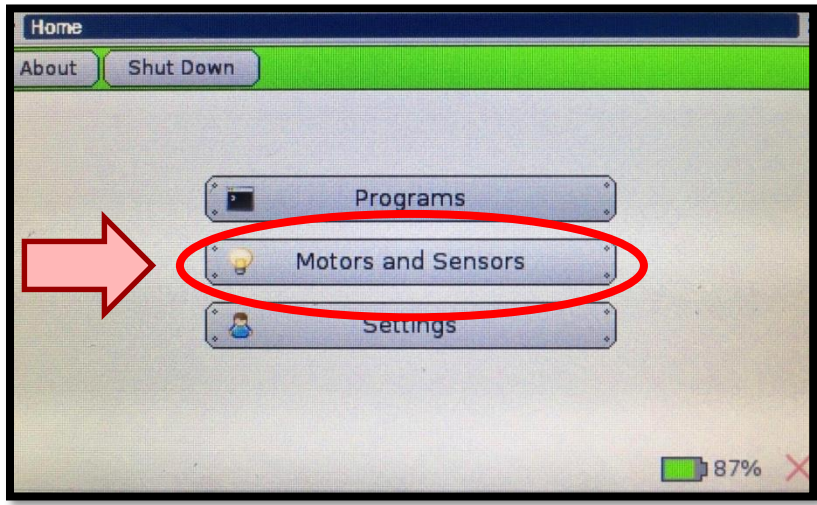
Servo positions

- Think of a servo like a protractor...
 - Angles in the **~180° range of motion** (between **~0°** and **~180°**) are divided into **2048 servo positions**.
 - These **2048 positions** range from 0 to 2047, but due to internal mechanical hard stop variability you should use **~150 to ~1900** (**remember:** computer scientists start counting with 0, not 1).
 - This allows for greater precision when setting a position (you have **~2048** different positions to choose from instead of just 180).
- The default position is **1024** (centered).

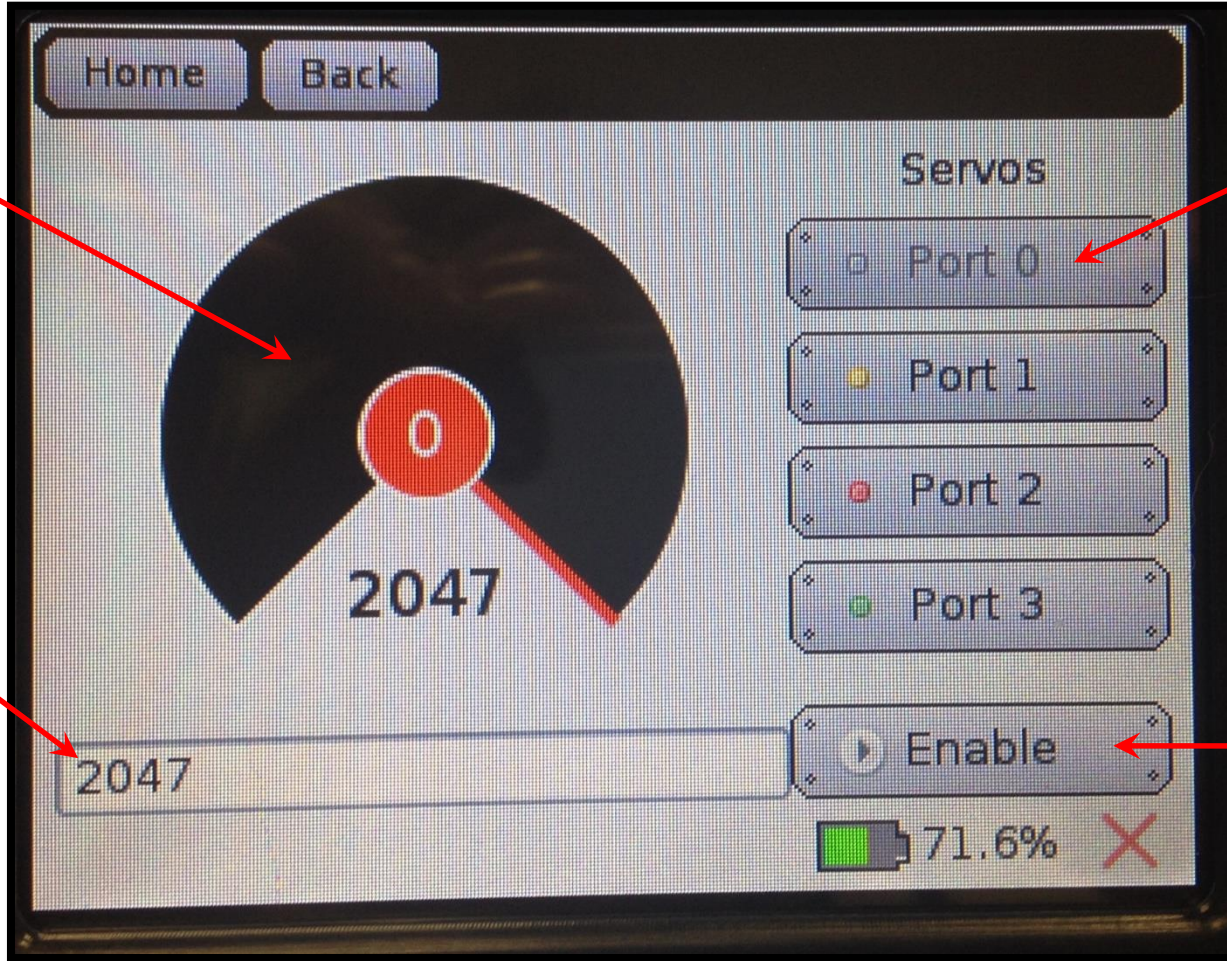
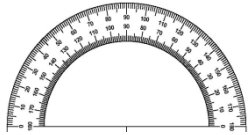




Use the Servo widget



Testing Servos with the Servos screen



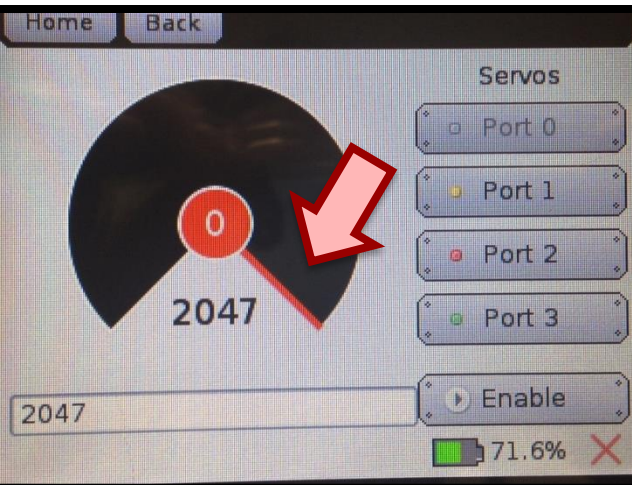
Select the servo port

The current servo position

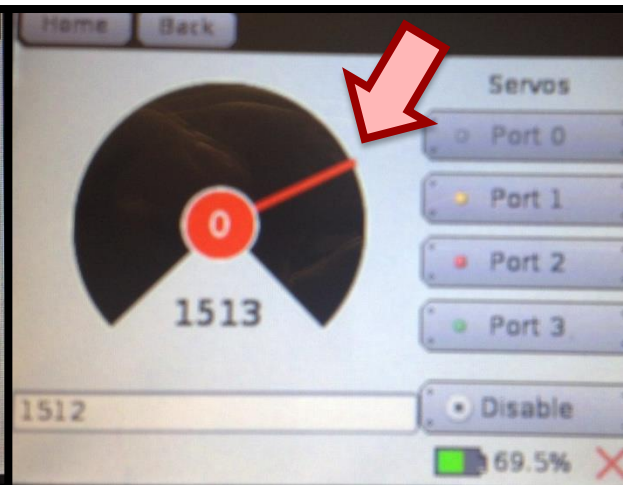
Enable servos

Testing Servos with the Servos screen

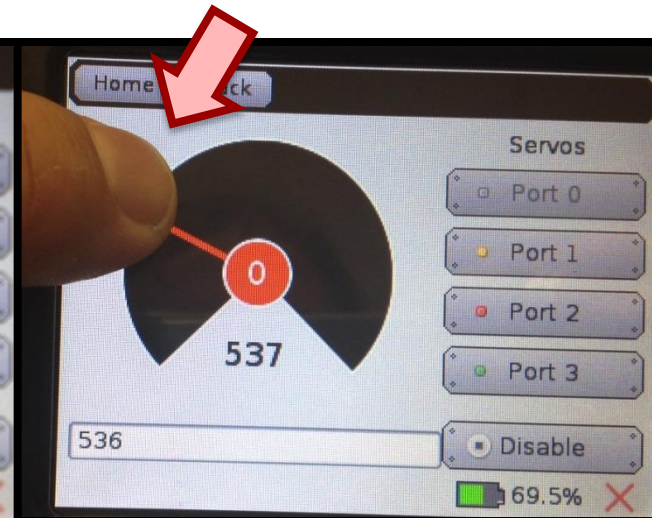
Use your finger to move the dial.



Servo @ 2047
(maxed out)



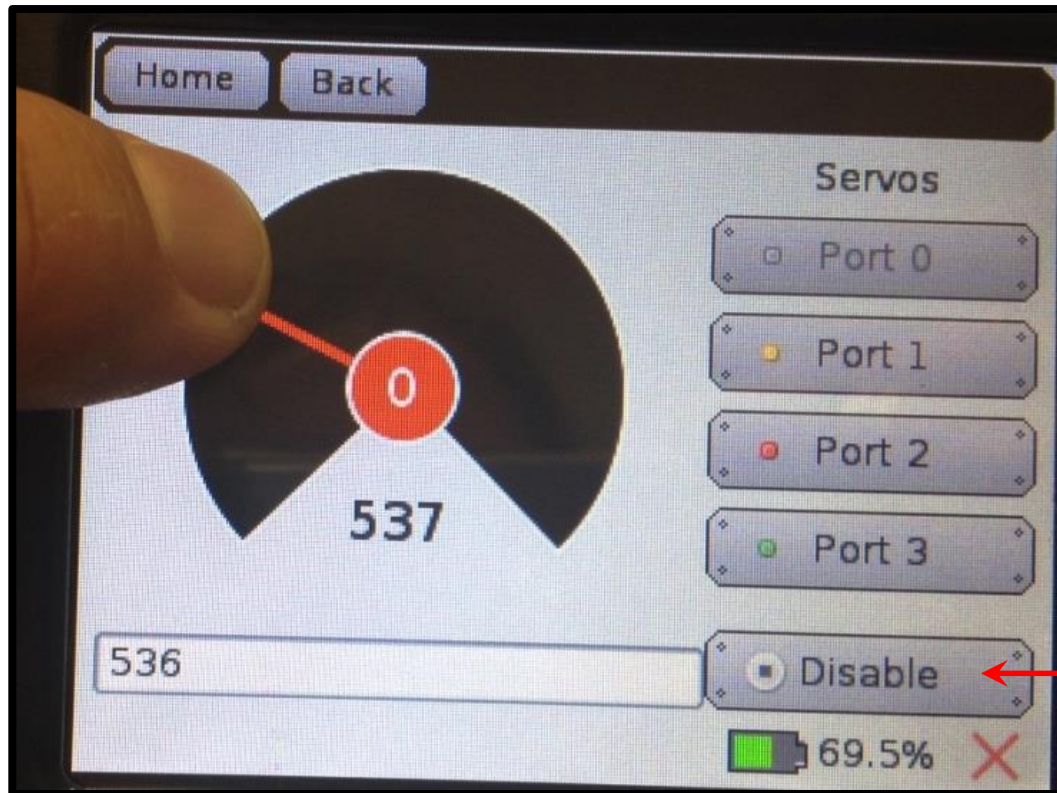
Servo @ 1513



Servo @ 537

**Do not push a servo beyond its limits
(less than ~150 or more than ~1900).
This can burn out the servo motor!**

Testing Servos with the Servos screen



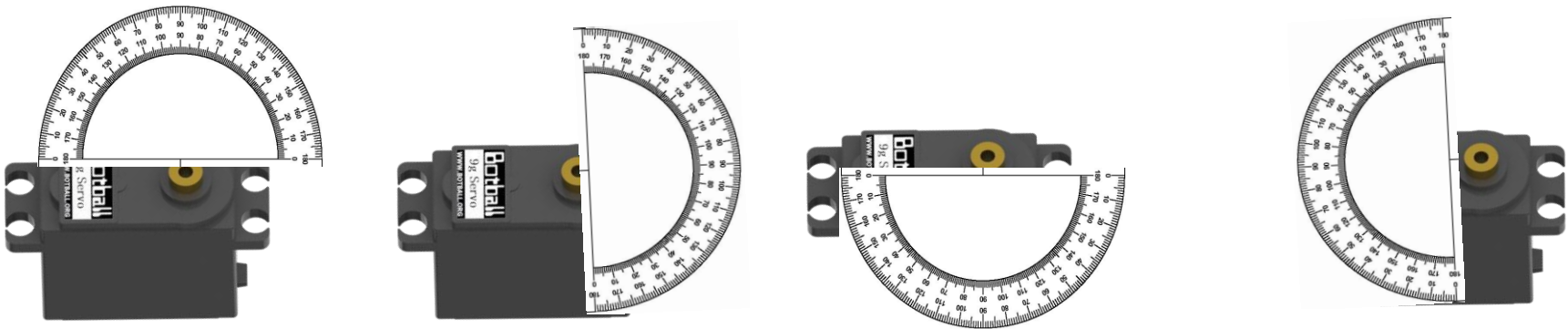
Disable
servos

Currently the Disable button does NOT disable the newer servos. To disable it you will have to unplug the servo.

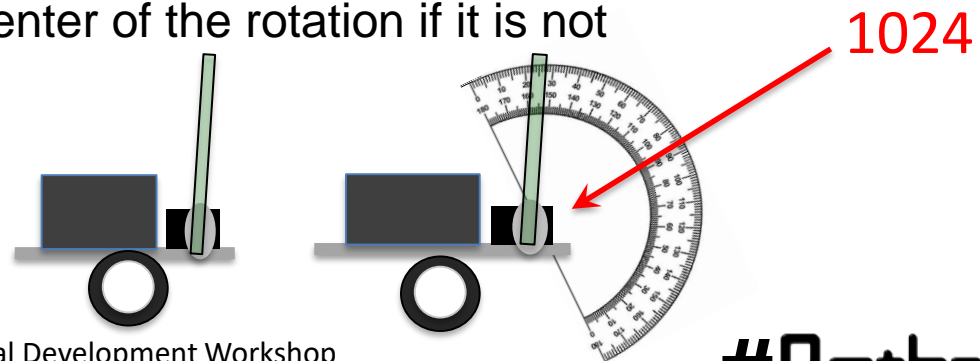


Centering the Servo Horn

- The Servo motor only has a range of motion (rotates) ~180 degrees, but you cannot see by looking at the motor where this range of motion is located in relation to your robot



- Using the Servo Widget, enable the servo on your robot. When you enable it, it will go to 1024. You can unscrew the servo horn on your arm or claw and place it in the center of the rotation if it is not already in the correct position





Servo functions

- To help save power, servo ports by default are **not** active until they are **enabled**.
- Functions are provided for **enabling** or **disabling** all servo ports.
- A function is also provided for **setting the position** of a servo.

```
enable_servos(); // Enable (turn on) all servo ports.
```

```
set_servo_position(2, 925); // set servo on port #2 to position 925.
```

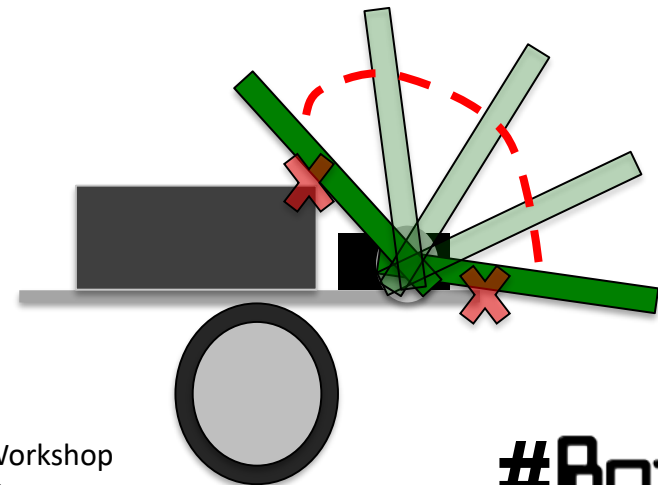
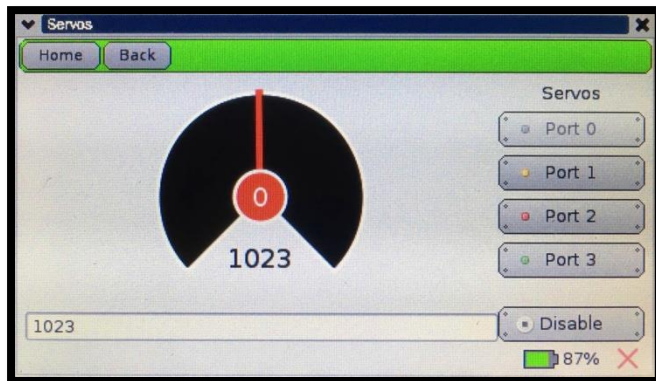
```
disable_servos(); // Disable (turn off) all servo ports.
```

- **Note:** it takes the servo TIME to move to a position so if you set it to another position without giving it TIME the CODE runs very fast and does not wait for the servo to move
- The **default position** when servos are enabled is **1024 (centered)**, which means that all **servos will automatically move to this position** when `enable_servos` is called.
- You can “**preset**” a servo position by calling `set_servo_position` **before** calling `enable_servos`. This will make the servo move to this position rather than center.

Wave the servo arm

Description: Write a function for the KIPR Wallaby that waves the DemoBot servo arm up and down.

- Remember to **enable the servos** at the beginning of your program, and **disable the servos** at the end of your program!
- Warning:** The arm mounted on your DemoBot prevents the servo from freely rotating to all possible positions (it will run into the KIPR Wallaby controller or the chassis of the robot)!
 - Do **not** keep trying to move a servo to a position it cannot reach, as this can burn out the servo and also consume a lot of power from your robot.
 - Use the Servo screen to **determine the limits** of the DemoBot arm, **write these numbers down**, and then **use these numbers in your code**.





Wave the servo arm

Description: Write a program for the KIPR Wallaby that waves the DemoBot servo arm up and down. Write a function that does one wave. Call it from your main function

Analysis: What is the program supposed to do?

Pseudocode

1. Enable servos.
2. Move servo to up.
3. Wait for 3 seconds.
4. Move servo to down.
5. Wait for 3 seconds.
6. Disable servos.
7. End the program.

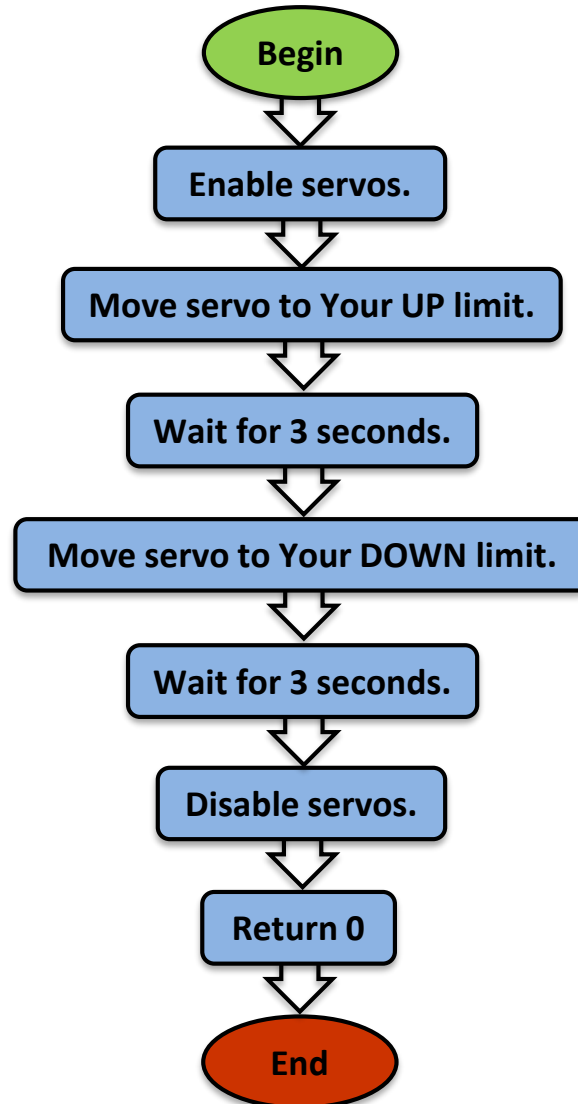
Comments

```
// 1. Enable servos.  
// 2. Move servo to UP.  
// 3. Wait for 3 seconds.  
// 4. Move servo to DOWN.  
// 5. Wait for 3 seconds.  
// 6. Disable servos.  
// 7. End the program.
```

Wave the servo arm

Analysis:

Flowchart





Commenting your servo port and placement within your program

```
int main ()  
{  
  // arm = 0  
  // down = 400  
  // up = 1230  
  printf("Wave Servo Exercise\n");  
  return 0;  
}
```

Make your comments after the first curly bracket and before the printf

`// arm = 0` ← Arm is plugged into servo port 0

`// down = 400` ← Arm down position is 400

`// up = 1230` ← Arm up position is 1230

`printf("Wave Servo Exercise\n");`

`return 0;`

This (keeping track of your ports, positions, etc) could also be done in a notebook, but what if you misplace that notebook?



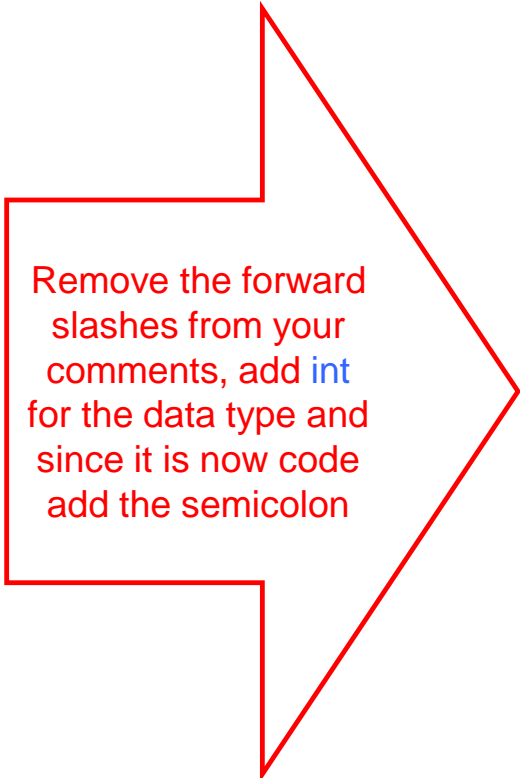
Using Variables for Servo Motors

```
int main ()
{

// arm = 0
// up = 1230
// down = 400

printf("Wave servo\n");
enable_servos();
set_servo_position(0,1230);
msleep(3000);
set_servo_position(0,400);
msleep(3000);

return 0;
}
```



Remove the forward slashes from your comments, add `int` for the data type and since it is now code add the semicolon

```
int main ()
{

int arm = 0;
int up = 1230;
int down = 400;

printf("Wave servo\n");
enable_servos();
set_servo_position(arm,up);
msleep(3000);
set_servo_position(arm,down);
msleep(3000);

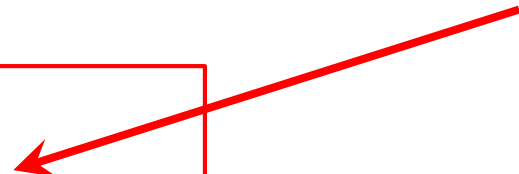
return 0;
}
```



Using servo functions

What happens when we set the servo position before `enable_servos`?

```
int main()
{
    set_servo_position(2, 1500);
    enable_servos();
    //msleep(1000);
    set_servo_position(2, 925);
    msleep(1000);
    set_servo_position(2, 675);
    msleep(1000);
    disable_servos();
    return 0;
}
```



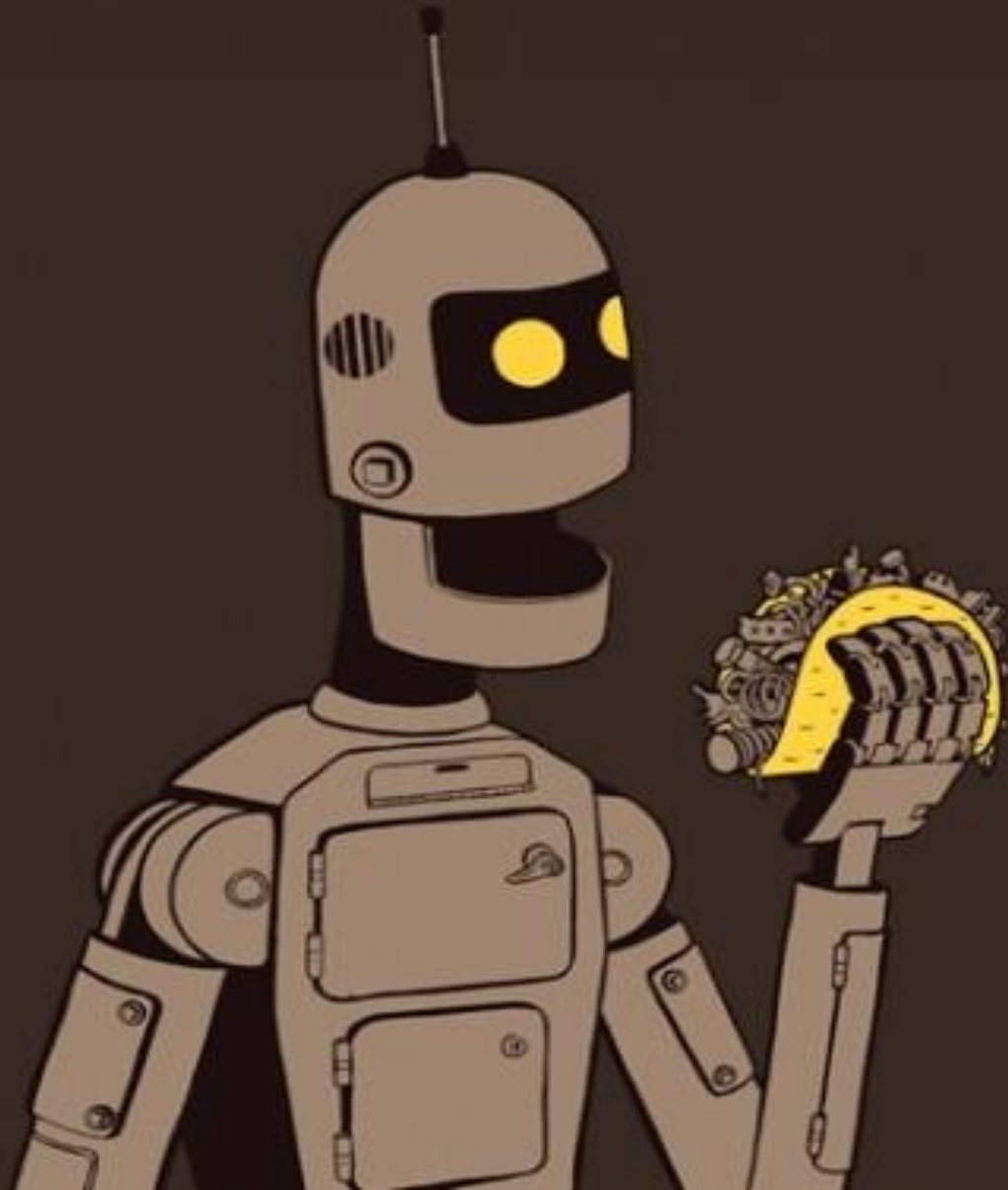


Activity 2 (connections to the game)

1. Start with your DemoBot at least partially within the starting box. See extension for more practical application.
2. Using a servo controlled claw move large yellow cube(s) from the orange garage into the blue garage.
3. The robot cannot touch the solid lines of any of the garages
4. Refer to your hand out for extension activities



Lunch!





Making Smarter Robots with Sensors

`analog()` and `digital()` sensors
`wait_for_light()` function



Sensors

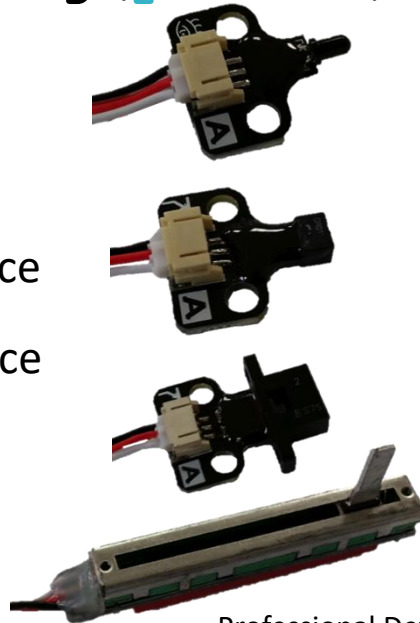
- You might have realized how difficult it is to be consistent with *just* “**driving blind**”.
- By adding **sensors** to our robots, we can allow them to **detect things** in their environment and **make decisions** about them!
- Robot **sensors** are like human **senses**!
 - What **senses** does a **human** have?
 - What **sensors** should a **robot** have?



Analog and digital sensors

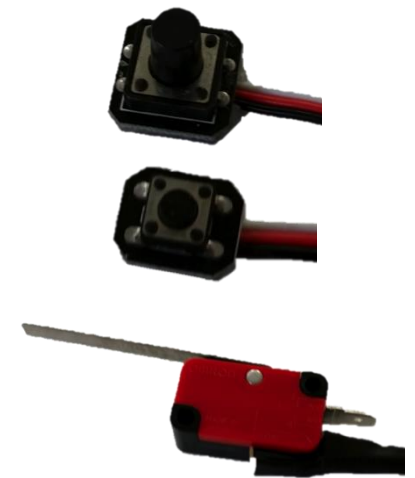
Analog Sensors

- Range of values:
0 – 4095
- Ports: 0 – 5
- Function: `analog(port #)`
- Sensors:
 - Light
 - Small reflectance
 - Large reflectance
 - Slide sensor

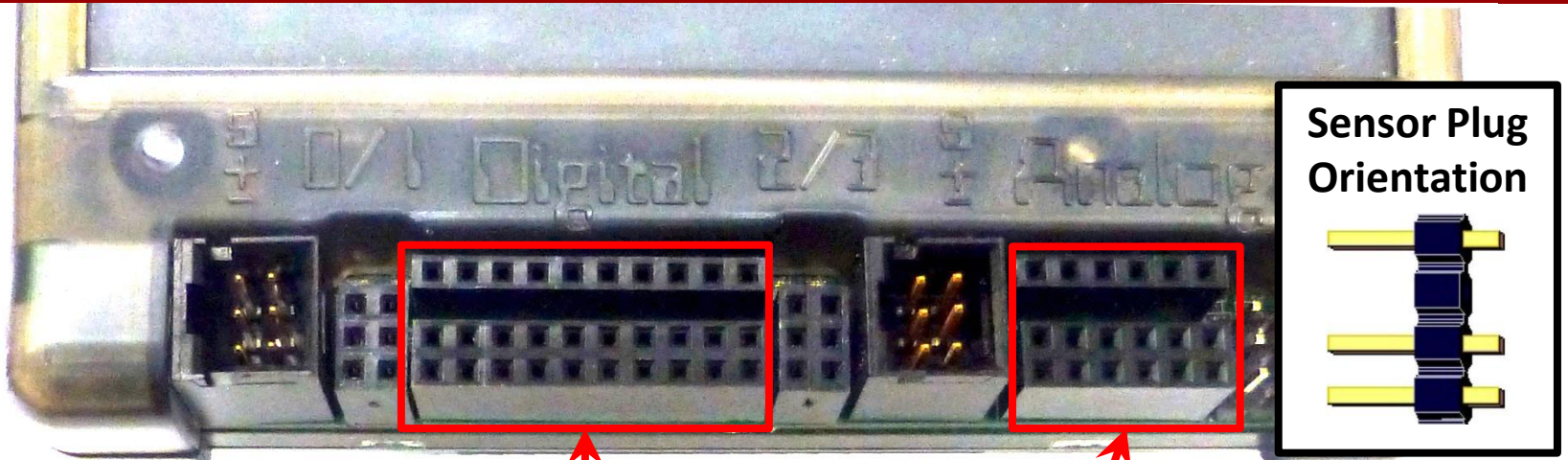


Digital Sensors

- Range of values:
0 (not pressed) or 1 (pressed)
- Ports: 0 – 9
- Function: `digital(port #)`
- Sensors:
 - Large touch
 - Small touch
 - Lever touch



KIPR Robotics Controller sensor ports



Digital Sensors
Ports # 0 – 9

Analog Sensors
Ports # 0-5



Detecting touch

There are many digital sensors in your kit that can detect touch...

Select the one that can be easily attached *and* can easily detect the objects.



Large touch



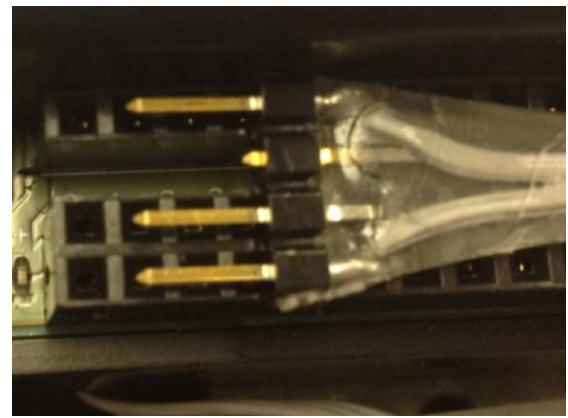
Small touch



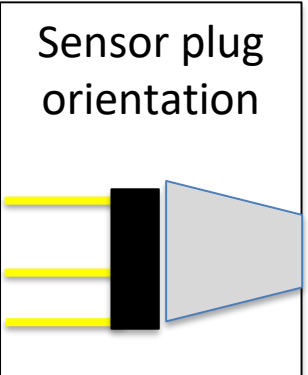
Lever touch



Plug in a Touch Sensor



Closeup of sensor plug orientation



Sensor plug orientation

Plug your touch sensor into digital port 0

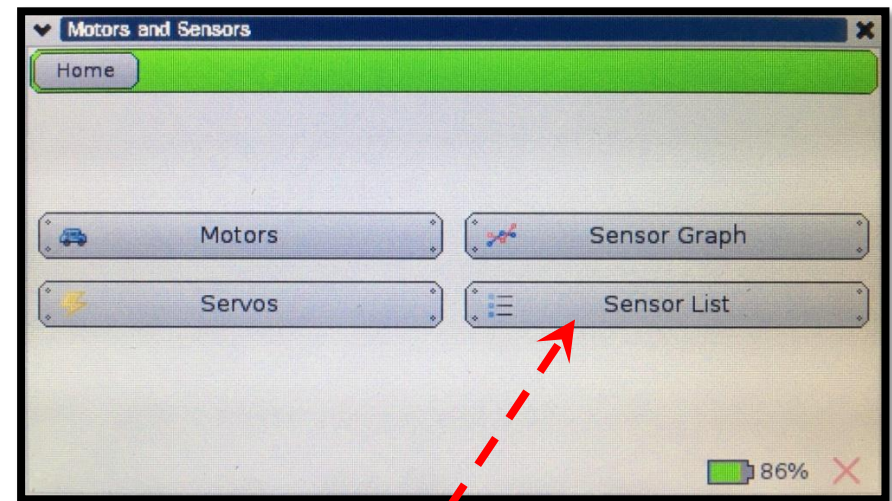




Reading Sensor Values From the Sensor List

You can access the Sensor Values from the Sensor List on your Wallaby

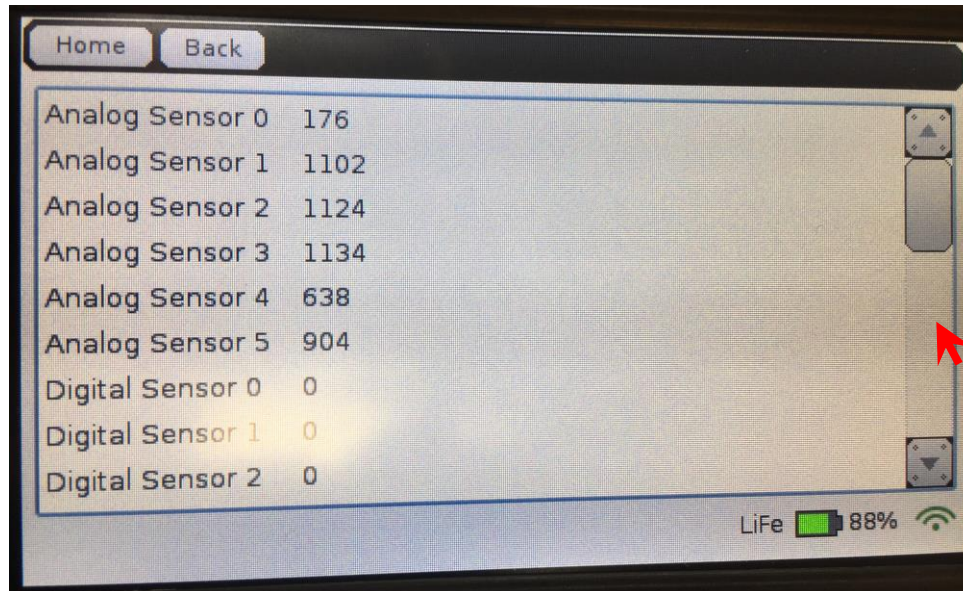
- This is very helpful to get readings from all of the sensors you are using, and then you can then use the values in your code




Select Sensor List



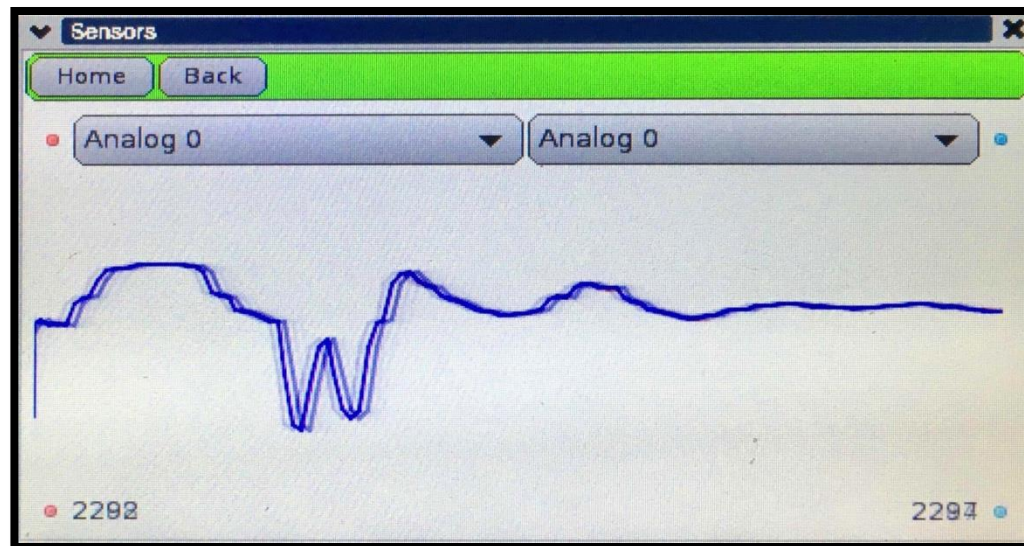
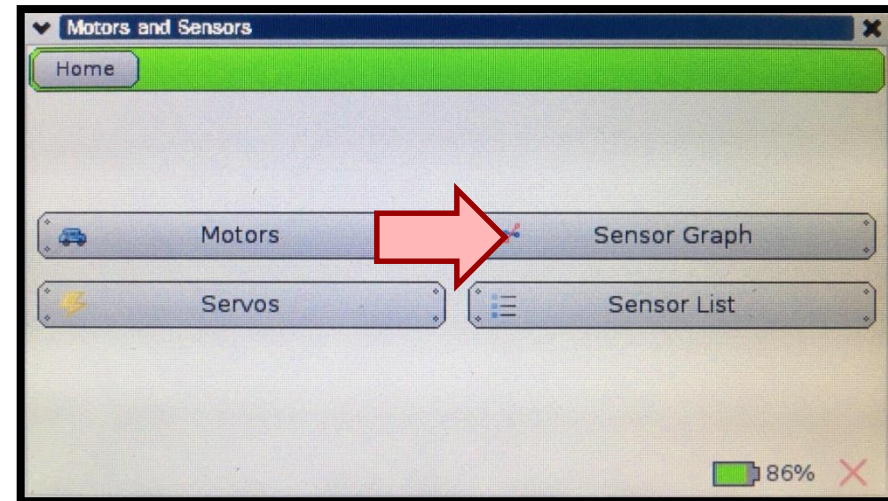
Check Touch Sensor on Wallaby Screen



 **Scroll down** to the digital sensor and read the value when your touch sensor is pressed and when it is not pressed



Use the sensor graph





Remember Your Sensor Functions

You call for the analog sensor value with a function

- You have 6 analog ports (0-5)

`analog (Port#)`

`analog (1)`

You call for the digital sensor value with a function

- You have 10 digital ports (0-9)

`digital (Port#)`

`digital (8)`

NOTE: when you call these functions they return an INTEGER value into the “code” where they were called at the time the code is run.



Introduction to **while** loops

Program flow control with *sensor driven* loops
while and Boolean operators

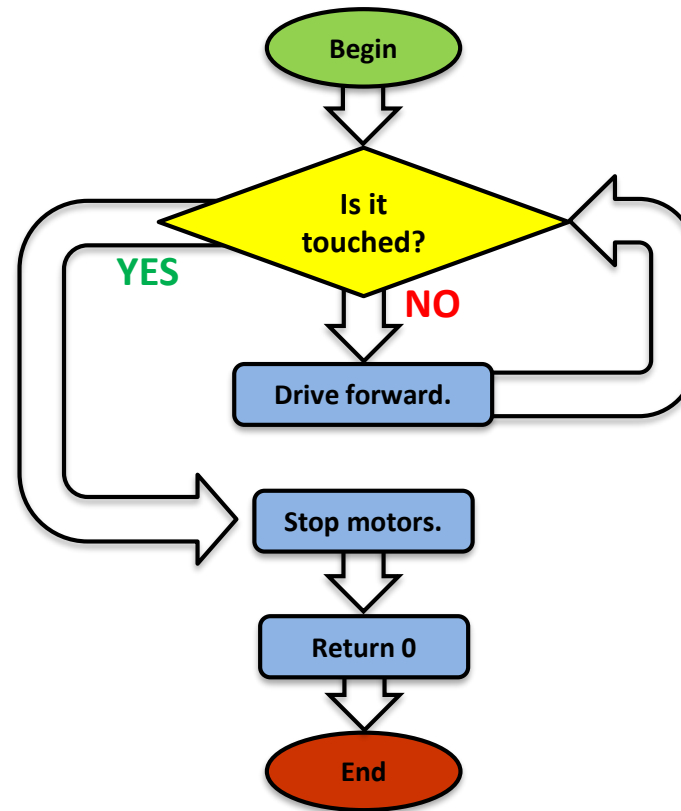


Program flow control with loops

- What if we want to **repeat** the same “item/action” over and over (and over and over)?
 - For example, checking to see if a touch sensor has been pressed.
- We can do this using a **loop**, which controls the **flow** of the program by repeating a **block of code**.

Drive until sensor is pressed

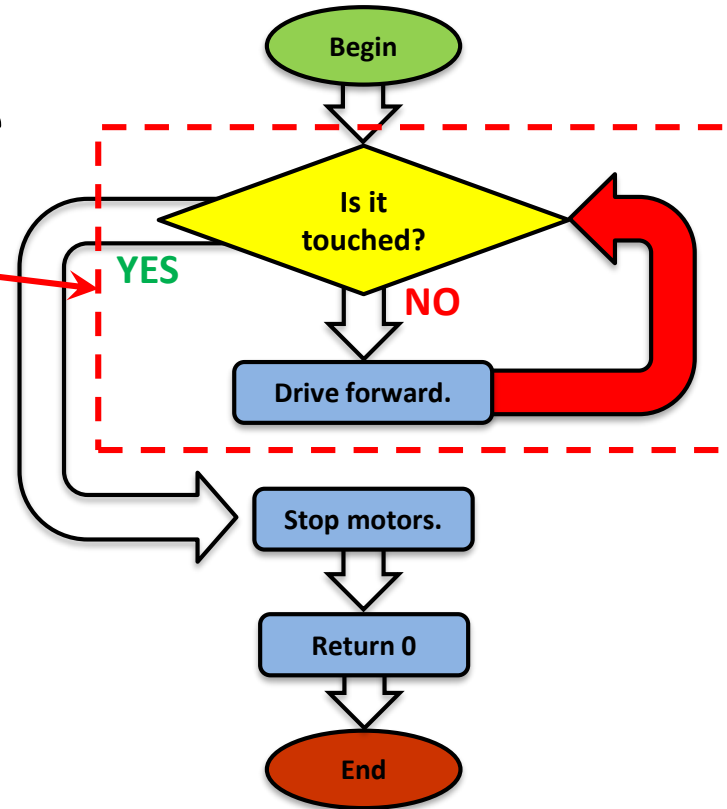
Analysis: Flowchart



Drive until sensor is pressed

Analysis: Flowchart

This part of the code is the loop.





while Loops

We accomplish this loop with a **while** statement.

while statements keep a block of code running (repeating/looping) so that sensor values can be continually checked and a decision made.

The while statement checks to see if something is true or false (via Boolean operators).

```
while ( condition )  
{  
    Code to execute while  
    the condition is true  
}
```

Notice there is no terminating semicolon after the while statement



While Statement

```
while (digital(port#) == 0)
```

Notice no terminating statement

Type of sensor;
analog, digital,
analog

Port number;
analog (0-5)
digital (0-9)

- Boolean logic;
- > Greater than
 - >= Greater than or equal
 - < Less than
 - <= Less than or equal
 - == Equal to
 - != Not equal to

```
{  
  motor(0, 100);  
  motor(3, 100);  
}
```

Code to execute while the condition is true



while loops

The **while** loop checks to see if a **Boolean test** is **true** or **false**...

- If the **test** is **true**, then the **while** loop **continues** to execute the **block of code** that *immediately* follows it.
- If the **test** is **false**, then the **while** loop **finishes**, and the line of code *after* the **block of code** is executed.

```
int main()
{
    // Code before loop

    while (Boolean test)
    {
        // Code to repeat ...
    }

    // Code after loop
    .
    return 0;
}
```



while loops

The **while** loop checks to see if a **Boolean test** is **true** or **false**...

- If the **test** is **true**, then the **while** loop **continues** to execute the **block of code** that *immediately* follows it.
- If the **test** is **false**, then the **while** loop **finishes**, and the line of code *after* the **block of code** is executed.

```
int main()
{
    // Code before loop

    while (Boolean test) ← Block Header
    {                               (no semicolon!)
Begin → // Code to repeat ...
End → }

    // Code after loop

    return 0;
}
```



while and Boolean operators

The **Boolean test** in a **while** loop is asking a question:

Is this statement **true** or **false**?

- The **Boolean test** (question) often compares two values to one another using a **Boolean operator**, such as:
 - ==** Equal to (NOTE: two equal signs, not one which is an assignment!)
 - !=** Not equal to
 - <** Less than
 - >** Greater than
 - <=** Less than or equal to
 - >=** Greater than or equal to

Boolean operators cheat sheet

Boolean	English Question	True Example	False Example
A == B	Is A equal to B?	5 == 5	5 == 4
A != B	Is A not equal to B?	5 != 4	5 != 5
A < B	Is A less than B?	4 < 5	5 < 4
A > B	Is A greater than B?	5 > 4	4 > 5
A <= B	Is A less than or equal to B?	4 <= 5 5 <= 5	6 <= 5
A >= B	Is A greater than or equal to B?	5 >= 4 5 >= 5	5 >= 6



Drive until sensor is pressed

Description: Write a program for the KIPR Wallaby that drives the DemoBot forward until a touch sensor is pressed, and then stops.

Analysis: What is the program supposed to do?

Pseudocode

1. Drive forward.
2. Loop: Is not touched?
3. Stop motors.
4. End the program.

Comments

```
// 1. Drive forward.  
// 2. Loop: Is not touched?  
// 3. Stop motors.  
// 4. End the program.
```

Drive until sensor is pressed

Solution:

Comments

```
int main()
{
    // 1. Loop: Is not touched?
    //    1.1. Drive forward.
    // 2. Stop motors.
    // 3. End the program.
}
```

Source Code

```
int main()
{
    printf("Drive until bump\n");
    while (digital(0) == 0)
    {
        motor(0, 75);
        motor(2, 75);
    }

    ao();

    return 0;
}
```



What if you change 0 to 1?

1. Change the expected (test condition) value from 0 to 1
2. Objective: Predict/describe what you think the robot will do
3. Run the program

```
#include <kipr/botball.h>
```

```
int main()  
{  
    printf("Drive until bump\n");  
    while (digital(0) == 1)  
    {  
        motor(0, 50);  
        motor(2, 50);  
    }  
  
    ao();  
    return 0;  
}
```



Learning about Analog Sensors

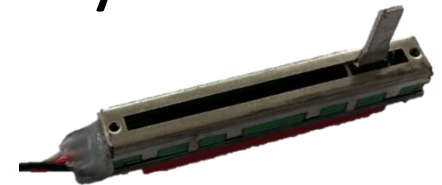
- Returns the analog value of the port (a value in the range 0-4095). Analog ports are numbered 0-5.
- Light sensors, slide, range finders and reflectance are examples of sensors you would use in analog ports.



"ET"-rangefinder



Small IR Reflectance Sensor



Slide Sensor



Light Sensor



Measuring Distance

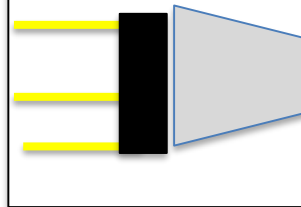
Infrared “ET” distance sensor



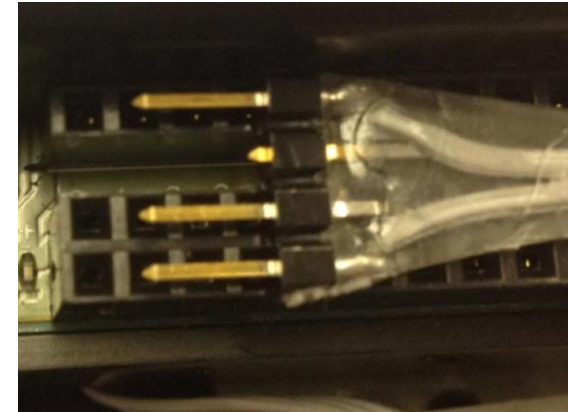
Plug in Your ET Sensor



Sensor plug
orientation

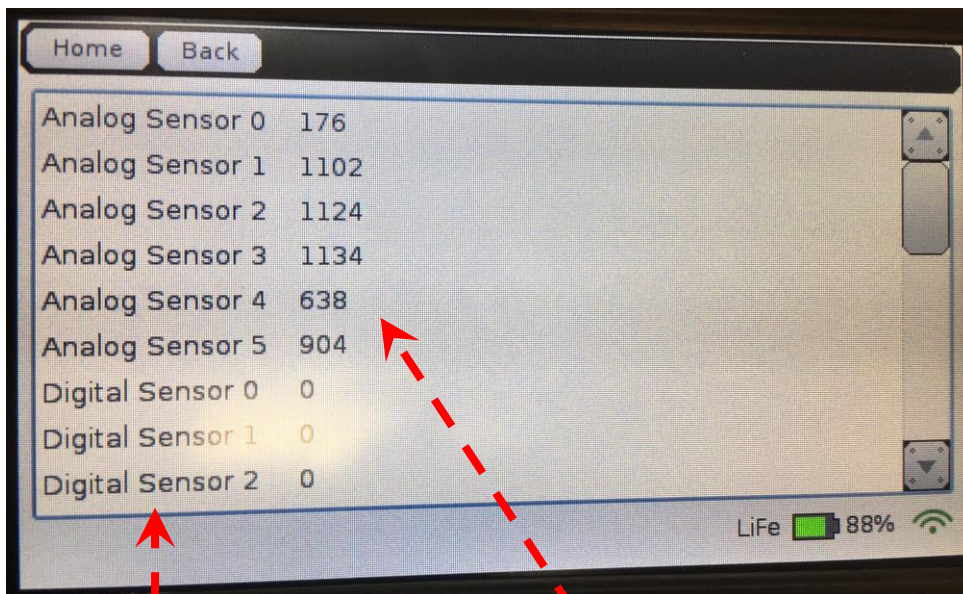


Plug your
analog
sensor into
analog port o



"ET"-rangerfinder
(or Wall-E?)

Check ET Sensor on Wallaby Screen



“ET”-rangefinder
(or Wall-E?)

Sensor Ports

Sensor Values

Read the values when your ET sensor is pointed at an object and slowly move it toward/away from the object (this is a distance sensor)



ET (Wall - E) Sensor Information

- **Low values:** indicate greater distance (farther from robot)
- **High values:** indicate shorter distance (closer to robot)
- Optimal range is ~4" and up
- 0" to 3.5" values are not optimal.
- Objects closer than the focal point (~4") will have the same readings as those far away.

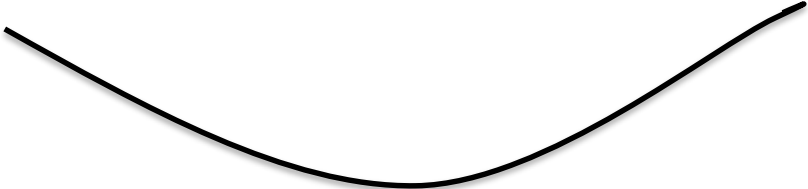


ET sensor Values

Focal Point

Objects that are inside the focal point return a smaller #, too close to object

Objects that are farther away return a smaller number



Useful range of the sensor

You may need to adjust the value chosen, up or down a little, for your desired distance from an object. Optimal distance is about 4.5" away from the sensor.



ET Sensor Focal Point Problem

Using the sensor values you should see that the farther away an object is the lower the value returned. The closer an object is the higher the value until you get within ~4" of the sensor.

1. Extend your arm in front of you with your thumb pointed up.
2. Focus on your thumb and then slowly bring your thumb toward your face.
3. What happens when your thumb gets close to your face?
 - Did it get blurry? Yes! It got within the focal point of your eyes (where you could focus on it and make it clear)
4. The ET sensor also has a focal point and if the object is too close the sensor cannot tell if it is close or far away.
5. When attaching your ET sensor to your robot consider the ~4" distance from you sensor to its focal point

Learning to Use an ET Analog Sensor

Notice no terminating statement

```
while (analog(port#) <= ?)
```

Type of sensor:
analog, digital,

Port number:
analog 0-5
digital 0-9

Boolean logic

> Greater than

>= Greater than or equal

< Less than

<= Less than or equal

== Equal to

!= Not equal to

```
{  
  motor (0, 40);  
  motor (2, 40);  
}
```

What you want it to repeat while checking to see if the `while` statement is true

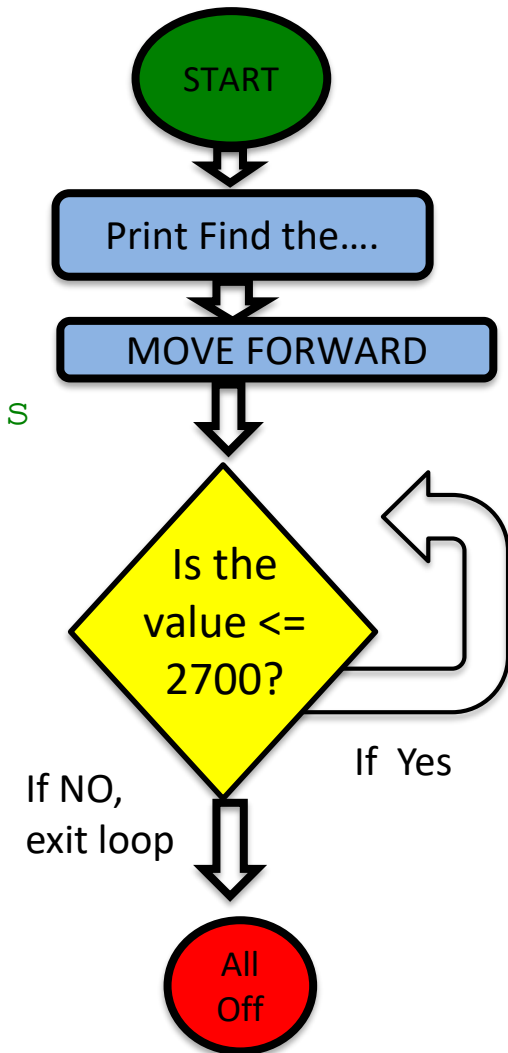


Find the Wall

1. Open a new project, “name Find the Wall”.
2. Write and compile a program that will find the wall and stop.

Pseudocode (Task Analysis)

```
//Print Find the Wall and Back Up  
//Check the sensor value in analog port 1, Is  
the value <= 2700?  
//Drive forward as long as the value is <=  
2700 (or your determined value)  
//Exit loop when value is 2700 (or your  
determined value) or greater  
//Shut everything off
```



while “find the wall” Solution

```
#include <kipr/botball.h>
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    printf("Find the wall\n");
```

```
    while (analog(0) <= 2700)
```

```
    {
```

```
        motor(0, 40);
```

```
        motor(3, 40);
```

```
    }
```

```
    ao();
```

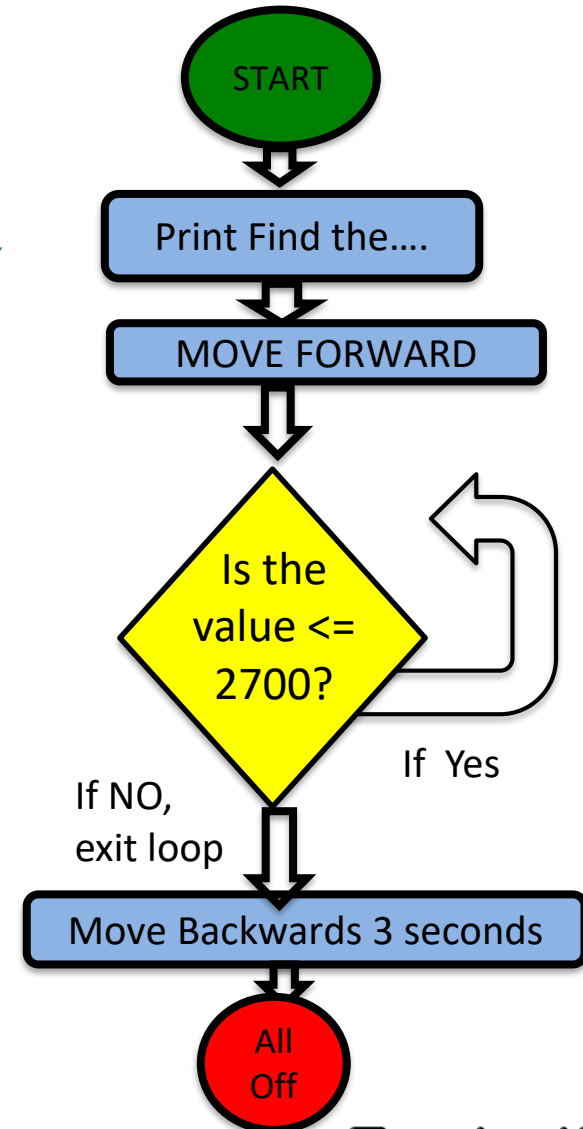
```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

ET - Find the Wall and Back Up

Pseudocode (Task Analysis)

1. //Print Find the Wall and Back Up
2. //Check the sensor value in analog port 1, Is the value ≤ 2700 ?
3. //Drive forward as long as the value is ≤ 2700 (or your determined value)
4. //Exit loop when value is 2700 (or your determined value) or greater
5. //Back up for 3 seconds
6. //Shut everything off





Analog Sensor: Small Top Hat Sensors

This sensor is really a short range reflectance sensor. There is an infrared (IR) emitter and an IR collector in this sensor. The IR emitter sends out IR light and the IR collector measures how much is reflected back.



Amount of IR reflected back depends on surface texture, color and distance to surface

This sensor is excellent for line following

Black materials typically absorb IR and reflect very little IR and white materials typically absorb little IR and reflect most of it back

- **If this sensor is mounted at a fixed height above a surface**, it is easy to distinguish a black surface from a white surface
- Connect to analog port 0 through 5



Reflectance Sensor Ports

1. This is an **analog ()** sensor so plug it into any of your analog ports 0 through 5
 - Values can be between 0 and 4095
 - Mount the sensor on the front of your robot so that it is pointing to the ground and $\sim 1/4$ " from the surface

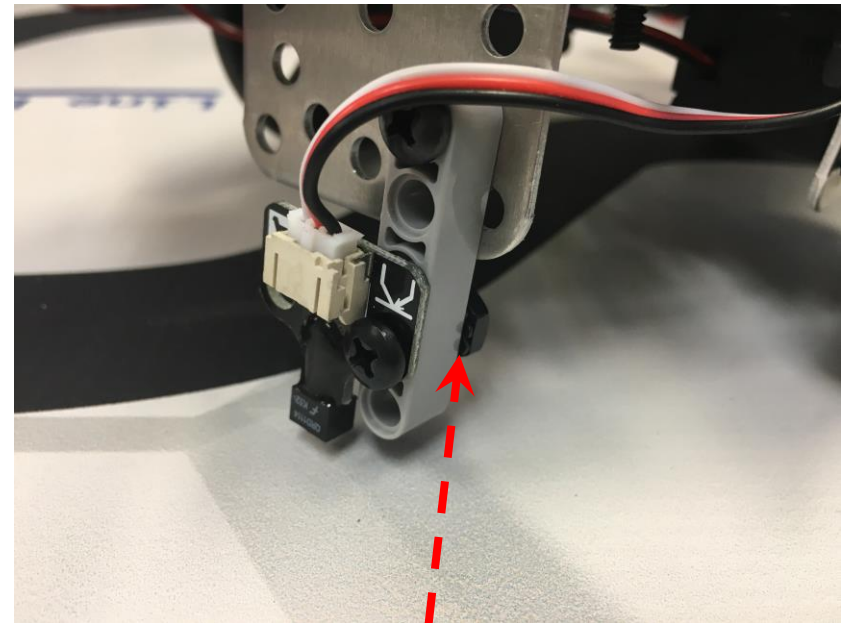
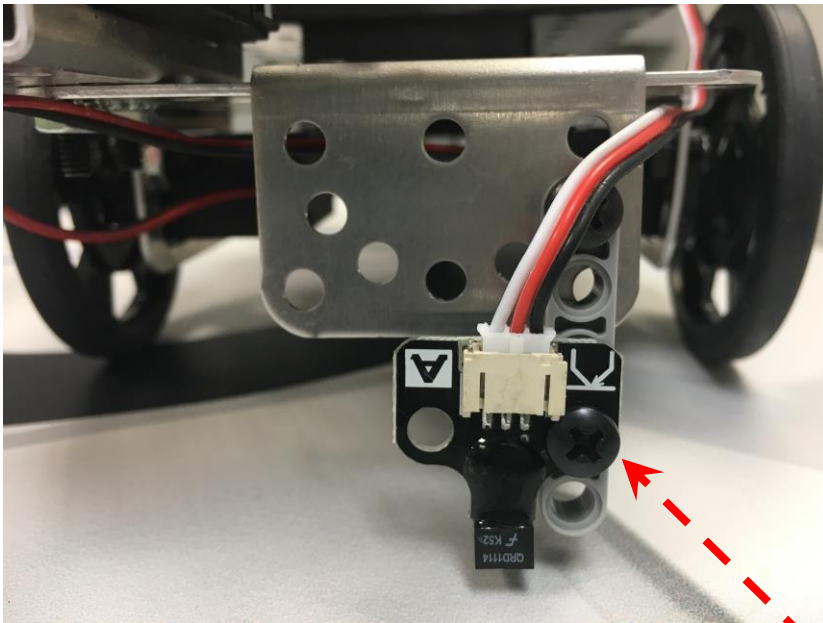


Surface



Mounting Sensor on DemoBot

The small top hat (reflectance) sensor works best if mounted ~1/8 to ~1/4 inch off the surface such that the distance to the ground does not vary much/at all while the robot moves.



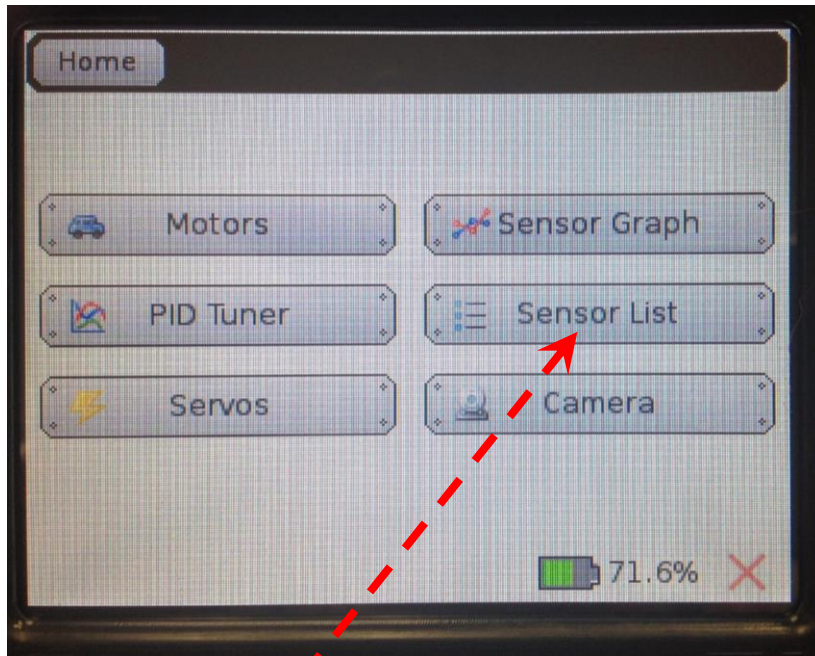
You may use a medium or long bolt to secure this sensor to the second hole.



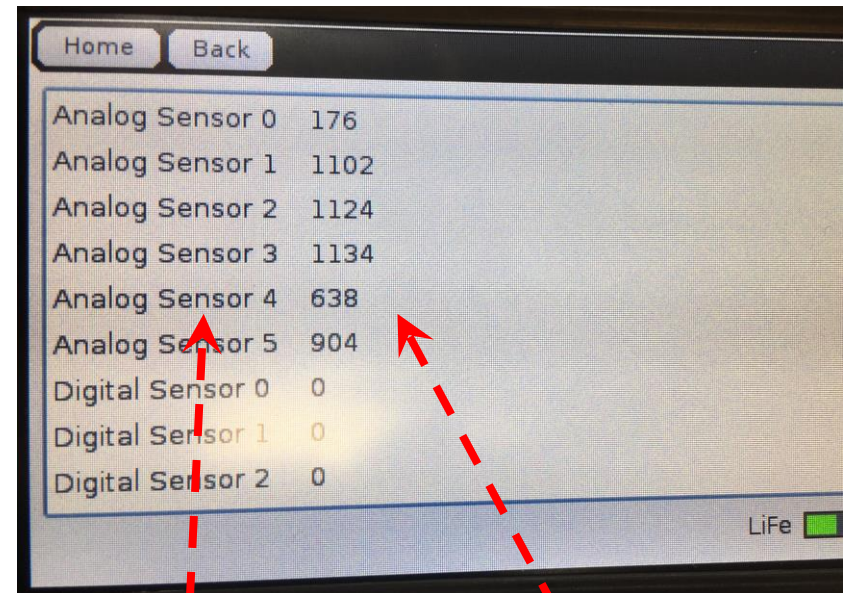
Reading Sensor Values From the Sensor List

You can access the Sensor Values from the Sensor List on your Wallaby

- This is very helpful to get readings from all of the sensors you are using, and then know which values/ranges to use in your code



Select Sensor List



Sensor Ports

Sensor Values



Reading Sensor Values From the Sensor List (Cont.)

With the IR sensor plugged into analog port #0

- Over a white surface the value is (~200)
- Over a black surface the value is (~3000)

Home Back

Analog Sensor 0	3131
Analog Sensor 1	1122
Analog Sensor 2	1129
Analog Sensor 3	1126
Analog Sensor 4	2468
Analog Sensor 5	1914
Digital Sensor 0	0
Digital Sensor 1	0
Digital Sensor 2	0

LiFe 88%

A red dashed arrow points from the value 3131 to a callout box below.

Your IR sensor is correctly mounted when you have values between ~2900-~3100 on the Black Surface

Home Back

Analog Sensor 0	176
Analog Sensor 1	110
Analog Sensor 2	1124
Analog Sensor 3	1134
Analog Sensor 4	638
Analog Sensor 5	904
Digital Sensor 0	0
Digital Sensor 1	0
Digital Sensor 2	0

LiFe 88%

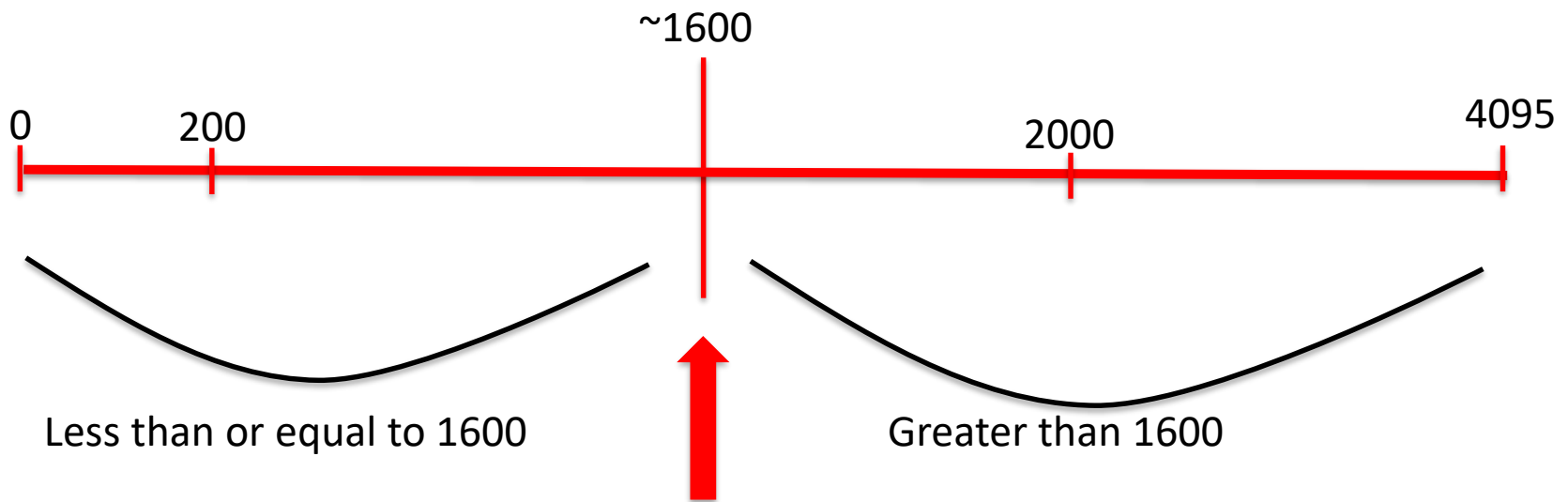
A red dashed arrow points from the value 176 to a callout box below.

Your IR sensor is correctly mounted when you have values between ~175-~225 on the White Surface.



Understanding the IR Values

1. Place your IR analog sensor in one of the analog ports (0-5).
2. After mounting your IR sensor, check value when sensor is over black on Mat A, B or black tape



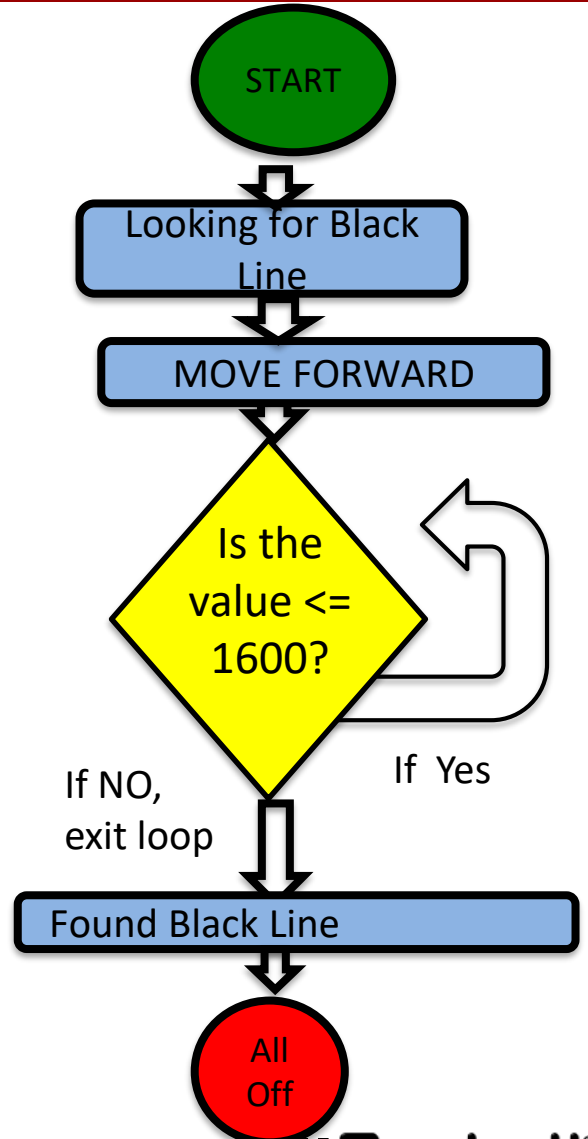
My black *threshold* value is ~1600



Find the Black Line

Pseudocode (Task Analysis)

1. //Prints looking for black line
2. //Check the sensor value in analog port 0, ≤ 1600
3. //Drive forward as long as the value is ≤ 1600
4. //Exit loop when value is 1600 or greater
5. //Shut everything off





while “find black line” Solution



```
#include <kipr/botball.h>

int main ()
{
    printf("Find the black line\n");
    while (analog(0) < 1600)
    {
        motor(0, 78);
        motor(2, 74);
    }

    ao();
    return 0;
}
```



Motor Position Counter

Motor position counter functions
Ticks and revolutions



Motor position counter

Each motor used by the DemoBot has a built-in **motor position counter**, which you can use to calculate the **distance traveled** by the robot!

Motor Port #
(#0 - 3)

← OR →

```
get_motor_position_counter(0)           gmpc(0)
```

// Tells us the number of ticks the motor on port #0 has rotated.
// Note: "gmpc" is shorthand for "get_motor_position_counter".

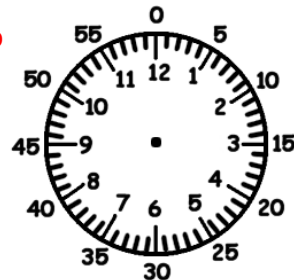
Motor Port #
(#0 - 3)

← OR →

```
clear_motor_position_counter(0);       cmpc(0);
```

// Resets the tick counter to 0 for the motor on port #0.
// Note: "cmpc" is shorthand for "clear_motor_position_counter".

- The motor position is measured in "ticks". Similar to how a clock is divided into 60-second intervals (ticks).
- Botball motors have **approximately 1400 ticks per revolution**.
- Use **wheel circumference divided by 1400** to calculate distance!

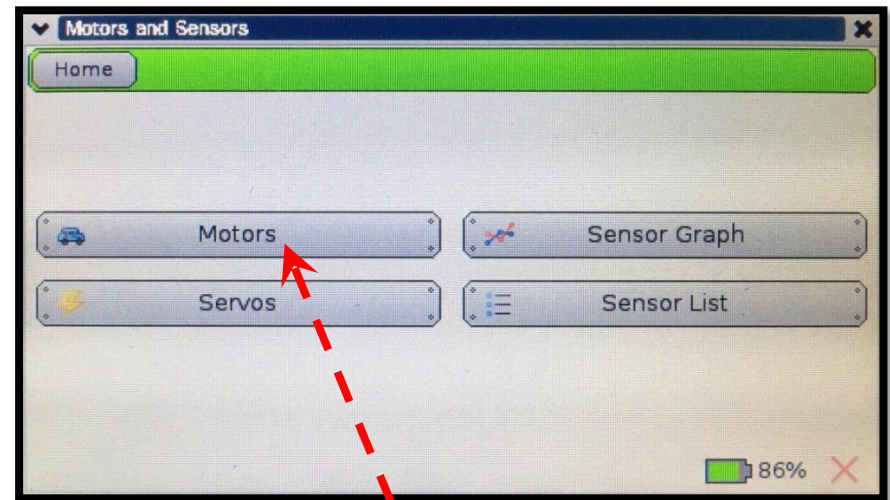




Seeing Counters on Wallaby

You can access the Motors from the Motors and Sensors section

- This is very helpful to test your motors and see the actual motor position counters *"in action"*



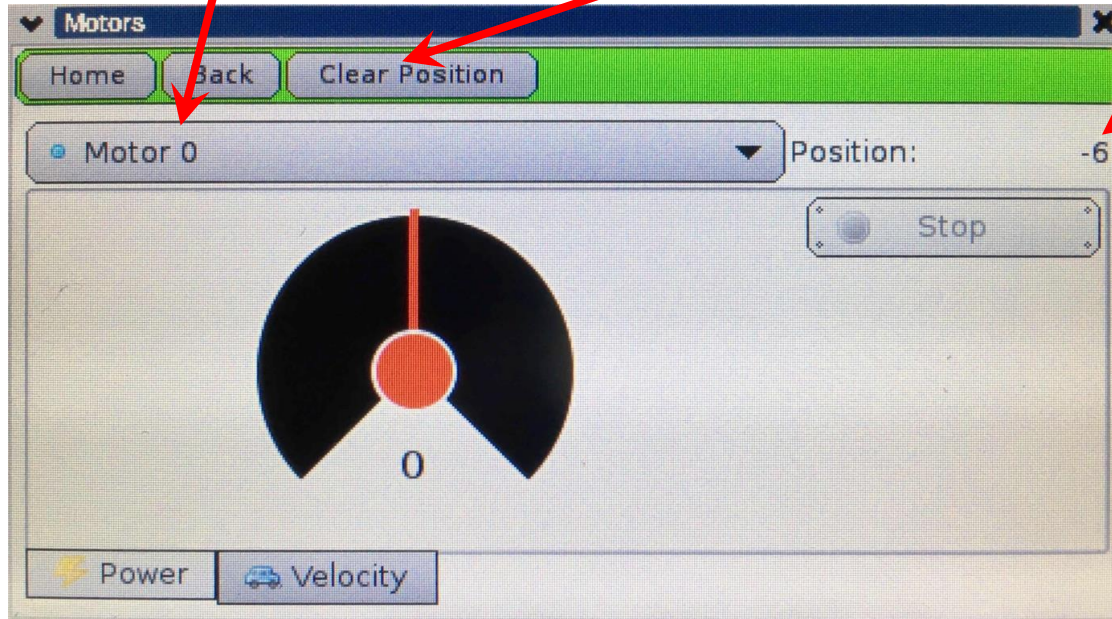
Select Motors

Seeing Counters on Wallaby (2)

Select motor port (allows you to select the motor of your choice)

To clear (reset) the counter

Motor Position
in "ticks"



Use your hand to rotate the robot's wheel (plugged into port 0) and watch the position counter.

What happens if you turn the wheel in the opposite direction?

You can also place your robot on a surface and roll it forward to measure the # ticks from a starting position to another location or object



Using motor position counter functions

How many revolutions will the motor rotate?

```
int main()
{
    clear_motor_position_counter(2);
    while (get_motor_position_counter(2) < 1400)
    {
        motor(0, 50);
        motor(2, 50);
    }
    ao();
    return 0;
}
```





Drive to a Specific Point

Description: Write a program that drives the DemoBot forward to a *specific point* then stops.

Place the robot in the *start box* of **JBC mat A** and using the motors/widget screen:

- 1) reset the left motor counter,
- 2) manually push the robot forward to *circle 9* on the mat and
- 3) visually record/remember the tick count.

Write your program to drive forward that many “ticks”

Challenge: Modify your program to back up to where it started (or better, turn around (180 degrees) and back to where it started).

Pseudocode

Generate it!

Drive to a Specific Point

Solution:

Comments

```
int main()
{
    // 1. Reset motor position
    // counter.
    // 2. Loop: Is counter < my
    // distance?
    // 2.1. Drive forward.
    // 3. Stop motors.
    // 4. End the program.
}
```

Source Code

```
int main()
{
    int distance = 4500; // in ticks

    clear_motor_position_counter(0);

    while (get_motor_position_counter(0) < distance)
    {
        motor(0, 50);
        motor(2, 50);
    }
    ao();

    return 0;
}
```



Drive to a Specific Point

Reflection: What did you notice after you ran the program?

- How far did the robot travel? Was it always the same (you tested it more than once, right)?
 - Your robot most likely went FURTHER than you programmed it to (check the motors screen after it stops to see the actual final tick count). Why? Hint: inertia
 - Change your loop so that it actually goes to “distance - (actual - desired)”:

```
while (get_motor_position_counter(0) < distance - (4832 - distance))
```

- How could you modify your program to travel a specific distance in millimeters? (Hint: Use **wheel circumference (in mm) divided by 1400** to calculate number of mm per tick!)
(Hint: Consider writing a function (later) with an argument for the distance.)
- How could you modify your program to accurately turn left or right?

Drive to a Specific Point

Solution (2): including backing up

```
int main()
{
    int distance = 4500; // in ticks

    clear_motor_position_counter(0);
    while (get_motor_position_counter(0) < distance)
    {
        motor(0, 50);
        motor(2, 50);
    }
    ao();

    // now back up to position/tick count 0
    // note: clear counter not needed this time
    while (get_motor_position_counter(0) > 0)
    {
        motor(0, -50);
        motor(2, -50);
    }
    ao();

    return 0;
}
```


Drive to a Specific Point

Solution (3): including *turning around* then going home

```
int main()
{
    int distance = 4500; // in ticks

    clear_motor_position_counter(0);
    while (get_motor_position_counter(0) < distance)
    {
        motor(0, 50);
        motor(2, 50);
    }
    ao();

    // Add code to turn around here (however you want)
    ao();

    // Now drive forward, back to your starting point
    clear_motor_position_counter(0);
    while (get_motor_position_counter(0) < distance)
    {
        motor(0, 50);
        motor(2, 50);
    }
    ao();

    return 0;
}
```



Making a Choice

Program flow control with conditionals

`if-else` conditionals

`if-else` and Boolean operators

Using `while` and `if-else`

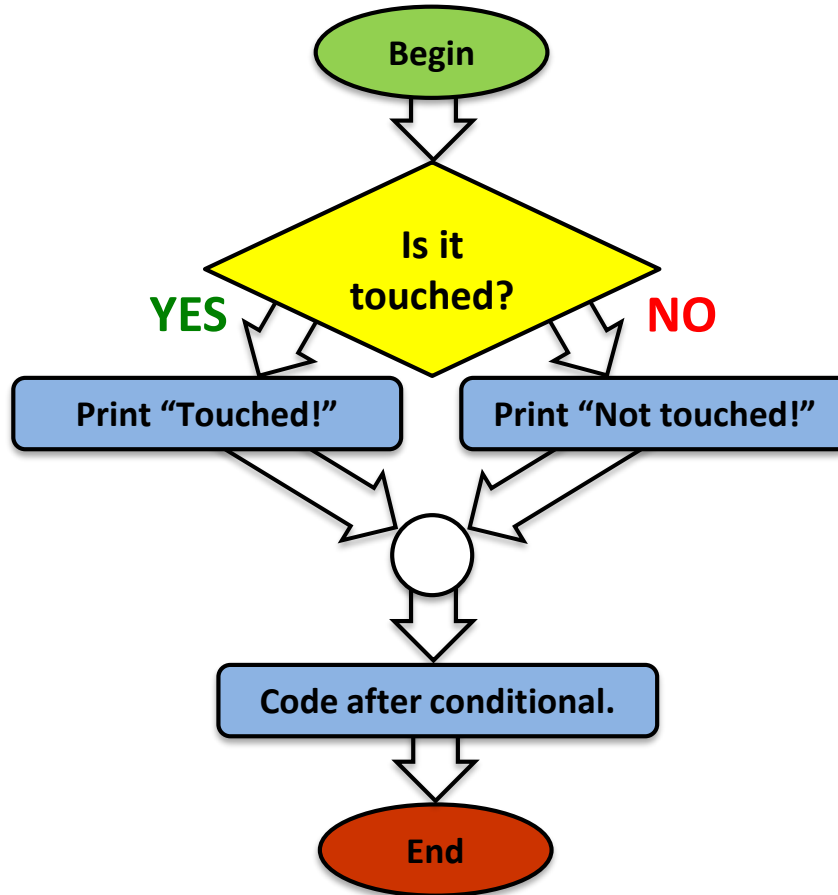


Program flow control with conditionals

- What if we want to execute a **block of code** *only if certain conditions are met*?
- We can do this using a **conditional**, which controls the **flow** of the program by executing **one block of code** if its conditions are met or a **different block of code** if its conditions are not met.
 - This is similar to a **loop**, but differs in that it **only executes once**.



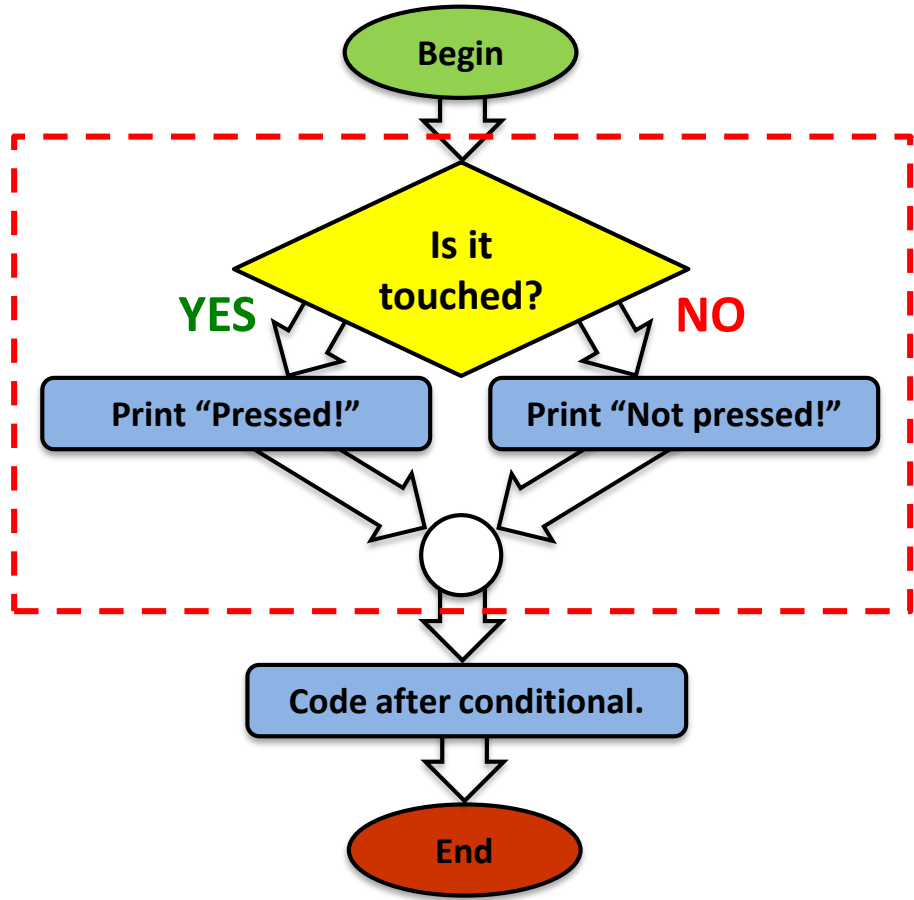
Program flow control with conditionals





Program flow control with conditionals

This part of the code is the conditional.





Program flow control with conditionals

Pseudocode

1. If: Is touched?
 1. Print "Touched!".
2. Else.
 1. Print "Not touched!".
3. End the program.

Comments

```
// 1. If: Is touched?  
//     1.1. Print "Touched!".  
// 2. Else.  
//     2.1. Print "Not touched!".  
// 3. End the program.
```

In the **C** programming language,
we accomplish this with an **if-else conditional**.



if-else conditionals

The `if-else` conditional checks to see if a **Boolean test** is **true** or **false**...

- If the **test** is **true**, then the `if` conditional **executes** the **block of code** that *immediately* follows it.
- If the **test** is **false**, then the `if` conditional **does not** execute the **block of code**, and the `else` block of code is executed **instead**.

```
int main()
{

    if (Boolean test)
    {
        // Code to execute ...
    }
    else
    {
        // Code to execute ...
    }

    // Code after conditional

    return 0;
}
```



Using `if-else` conditionals

What is this?

```
int main()
{
    if (digital(8) == 1)
    {
        printf("Touched!\n");
    }
    else
    {
        printf("Not touched!\n");
    }
    return 0;
}
```

What does this say?



Using `if-else` conditionals

```
int main()
{
    if (digital(8) == 1)
    {
        printf("Touched!\n");
    }
    else
    {
        printf("Not touched!\n");
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Notice: no semicolon!
(Why not?)



if-else conditionals

The `else` is immediately below the `}` brace of the `if` block of code!



```
int main()
{
    // Code before conditional ...

    if (Boolean test)
    {
        // Code to execute if test is true
    }
    else
    {
        // Code to execute if test is false
    }

    return 0;
}
```



if-else examples

```
if (digital(0) == 0)
{
    // Code to execute ...
}
else
{
    // Code to execute ...
}
```

```
if (analog(3) < 512)
{
    // Code to execute ...
}
else
{
    // Code to execute ...
}
```



Example using `while` and `if-else`

```
int main()
{
    while (digital(0) == 0)
    {
        if (analog(0) > 1600)
        {
            printf("It's dark in here!\n");
        }
        else
        {
            printf("I see the light!\n");
        }
    } // loop ends when button is pressed

    // touched something

    return 0;
}
```

What do these lines of code say?



Using while and if-else

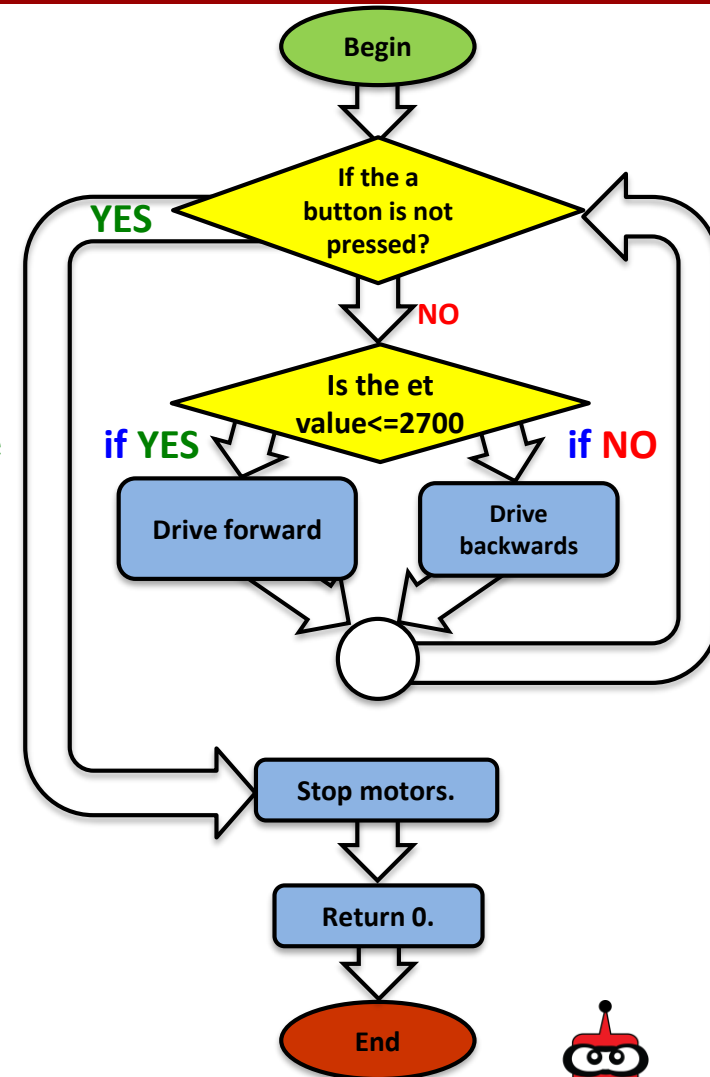
```
int main()
{
while (digital(0) == 0)
{
if (analog(0) > 1600)
{
printf("It's dark in here!\n");
}
else
{
printf("I see the light!\n");
}
} // loop ends when button is pressed
return 0;
}
```

Notice how the { and }
braces line up for each
block of code!

ET Find the Wall and Back Up then Drive forward

Pseudocode (Task Analysis)

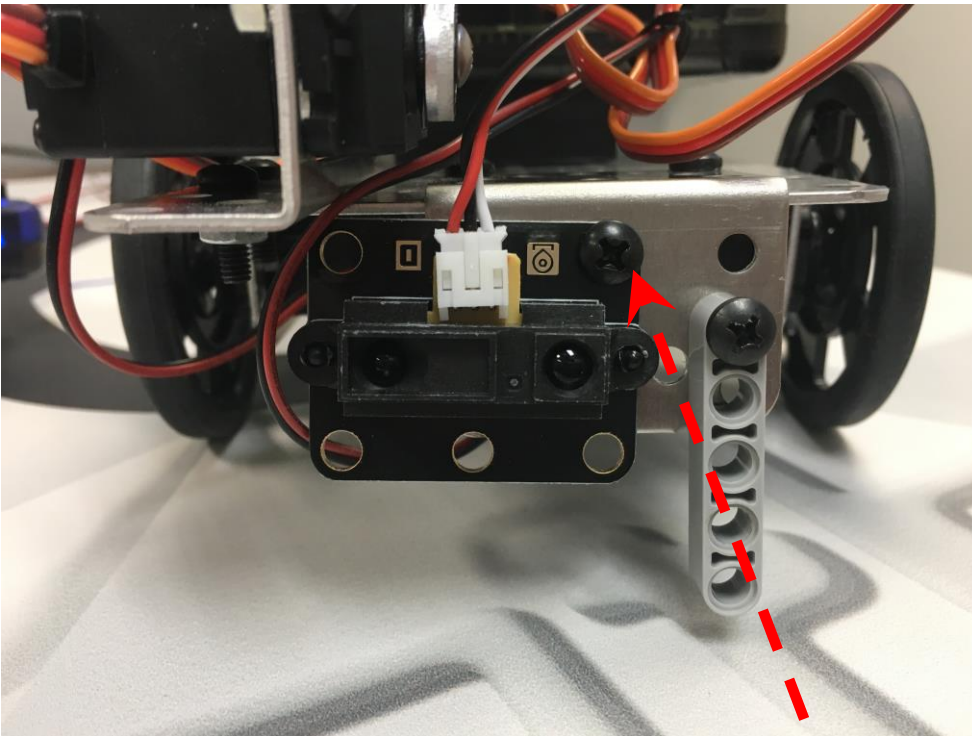
1. //Check the a button, if it is not pressed
2. //Drive forward as long as the value is ≤ 2700 (or your determined value)
3. //Drive backwards as long as the value is ≥ 2700 (or determined value)
4. //Exit loop when a button is pressed
5. //Shut everything off





Mounting ET sensor

This example is a QUICK solution
(not a game winning solution).



Generally this sensor should be mounted ~4 inches back from the “front” of the robot (or items it will be sensing) to avoid the focal point problem ever occurring.

You can use a single medium bolt.



Sample Solution

```
#include <kipr/botball.h>
int main()
{
    printf ("Drive to the wall\n");

    while (digital(0) == 0) // Touch sensor not touched
    {
        if (analog(0) <= 2700) // Far away drive forward
        {
            motor(0,80);
            motor(2,80);
        }
        if (analog(0) > 2701) // Too close back up
        {
            motor(0,-80);
            motor(2,-80);
        }
    }
    ao();
    return 0;
}
```


Maintain distance

Description: Write a program for the KIPR Wallaby that makes the DemoBot maintain a specified distance away from an object, and stops when the touch sensor is touched.

Analysis: What is the program supposed to do?

Pseudocode

1. Loop: Is not touched?
 1. If: Is distance too far?
 1. Drive forward.
 2. Else.
 1. If: Is distance too close?
 1. Drive reverse.
 2. Else:
 1. Stop motors.
2. Stop motors.
3. End the program.

Comments

```
// 1. Loop: Is not touched?
// 1.1. If: Is distance too far?
// 1.1.1. Drive forward.
// 1.2. Else.
// 1.2.1. If: Is distance too close?
// 1.2.1.1. Drive reverse.
// 1.2.2. Else.
// 1.2.2.1. Stop motors.
// 2. Stop motors.
// 3. End the program.
```

Maintain distance

Solution:

Source Code

Comments

```
int main()
{
  // 1. Loop: Is not touched?
  //   1.1. If: Is distance to far?
  //     1.1.1. Drive forward.
  //   1.2. Else.
  //     1.2.1. If: Is distance too close?
  //       1.2.1.1. Drive reverse.
  //     1.2.2. Else.
  //       1.2.2.1. Stop motors.
  // 2. Stop motors.
  // 3. End the program.
}
```

```
int main()
{
  while (digital(0) == 0)
  {
    if (analog(5) < 1800)
    {
      motor(0, 80);
      motor(2, 80);
    }
    else
    {
      if (analog(5) > 2600)
      {
        motor(0, -75);
        motor(2, -75);
      }
      else // sensor value is 1800-2600
      {
        ao();
      }
    }
  } // end of loop

  ao();
  return 0;
}
```



Reflectance sensor for line-following

For this activity, you will need a **reflectance sensor**.

- This sensor is really a short-range reflectance sensor.
- There is both an infrared (IR) *emitter* and an IR *detector* inside of this sensor.
- IR *emitter* sends out IR light → IR *detector* measures how much reflects back.
- The amount of IR reflected back depends on many factors, including **surface texture, color, and distance to surface**.

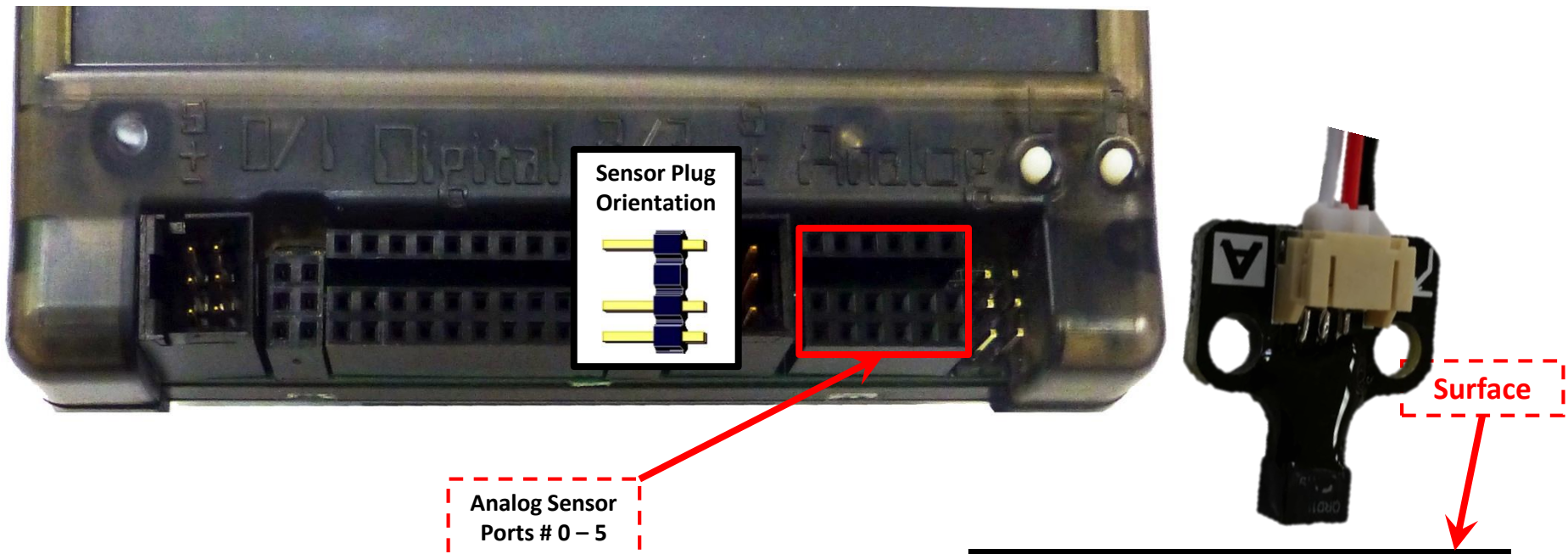


This sensor is **excellent** for line-following!

- **Black materials** typically **absorb most IR** → they **reflect little IR back!**
- **White materials** typically **absorb little IR** → they **reflect most IR back!**
- If this sensor is mounted at a *fixed height* above a surface, it is easy to distinguish a black line from a white surface.

Attach your reflectance sensor

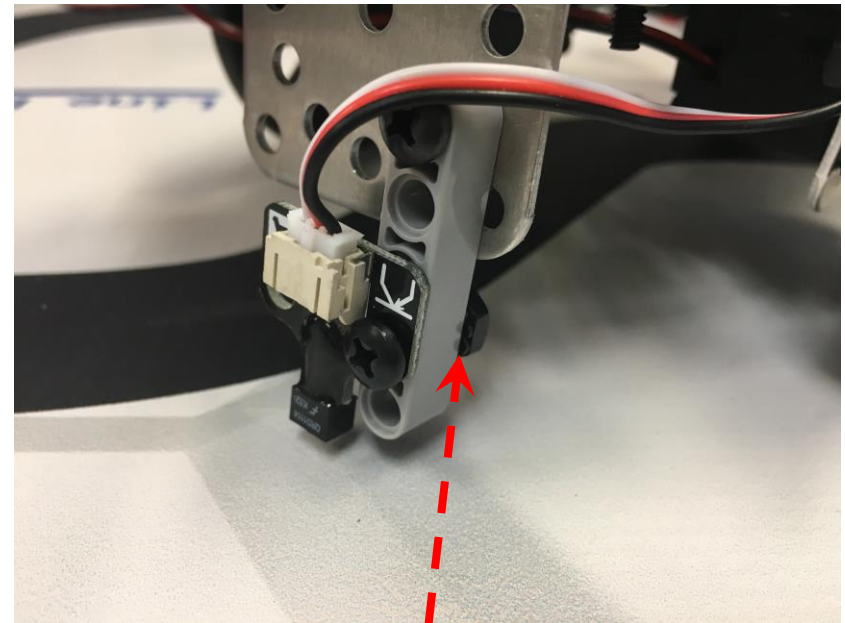
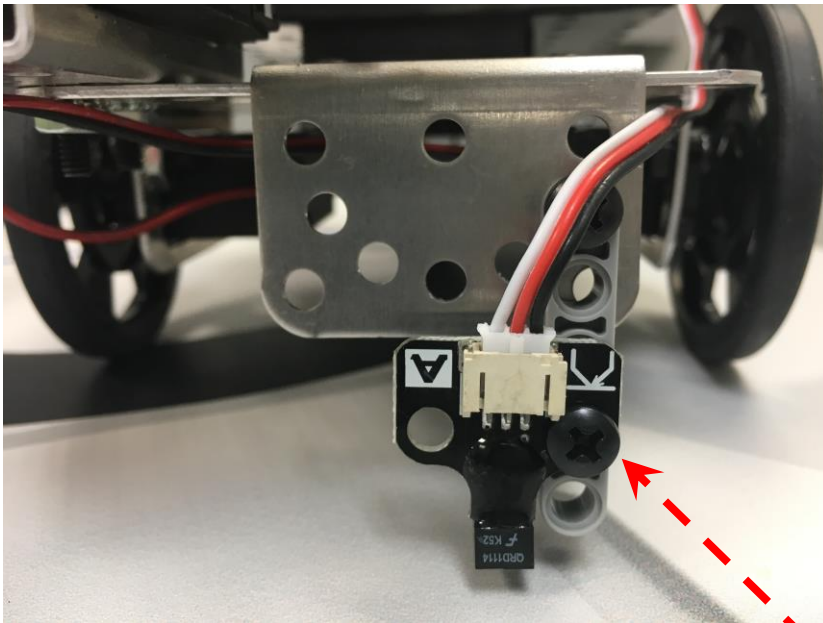
- Attach the sensor on the front of your robot so that it is **pointing down at the ground** and is **approximately 1/8" from the surface**.
- A **reflectance sensor** is an **analog sensor**, so plug it into any of **analog sensor port #0 – 5**. Port 0 for this example.
 - Recall that analog sensor values range **from 0 to 4095**.





Mounting Sensor on DemoBot

The small top hat (reflectance) sensor works best if mounted ~1/8 to ~1/4 inch off the surface such that the distance to the ground does not vary much/at all while the robot moves.



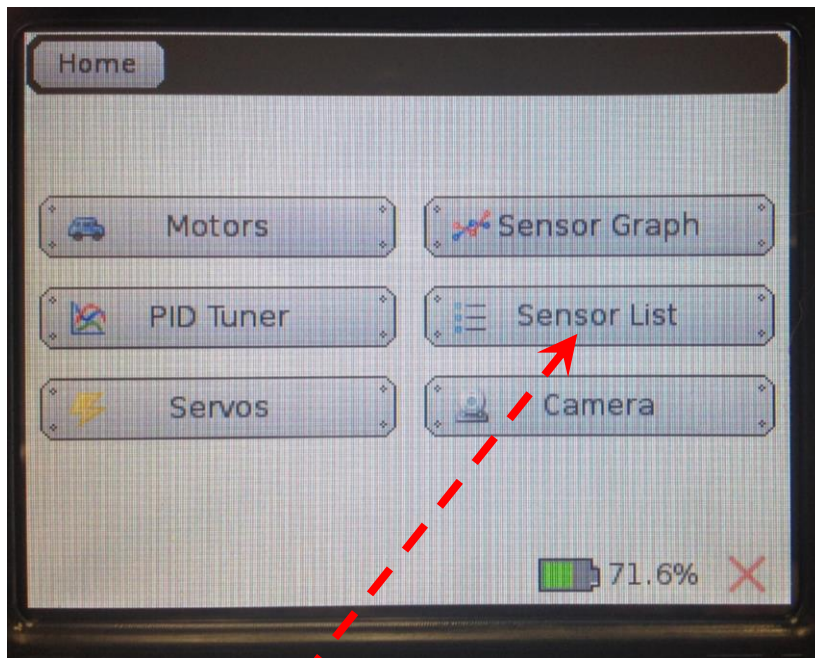
You may use a medium or long bolt to secure this sensor to the second hole.



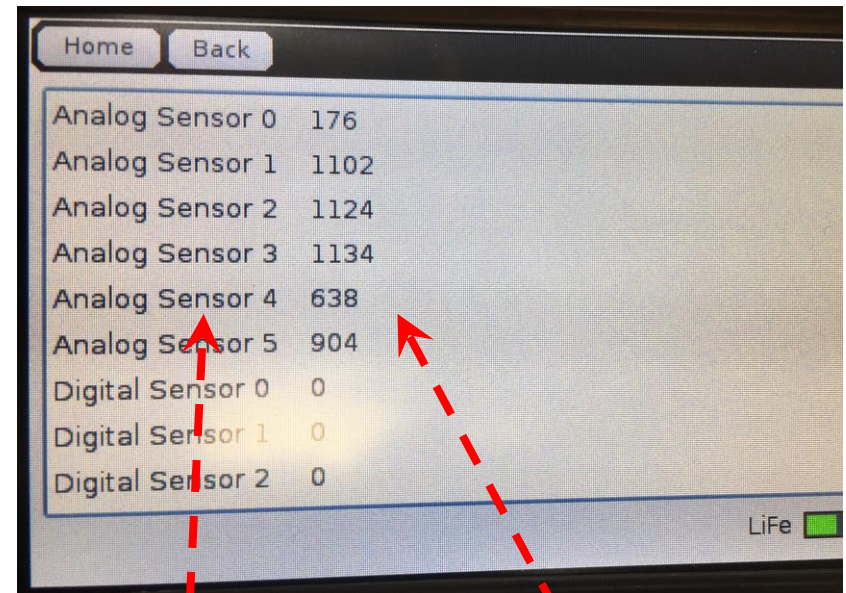
Reading Sensor Values From the Sensor List

You can access the Sensor Values from the Sensor List on your Wallaby

- This is very helpful to get readings from all of the sensors you are using, and then know which values/ranges to use in your code



Select Sensor List



Sensor Ports

Sensor Values

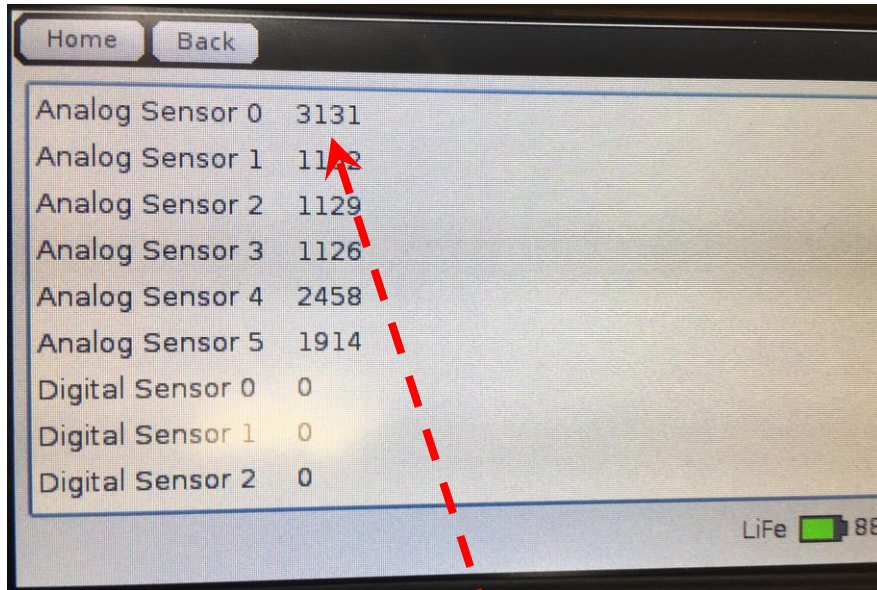


Reading Sensor Values From the Sensor List (Cont.)

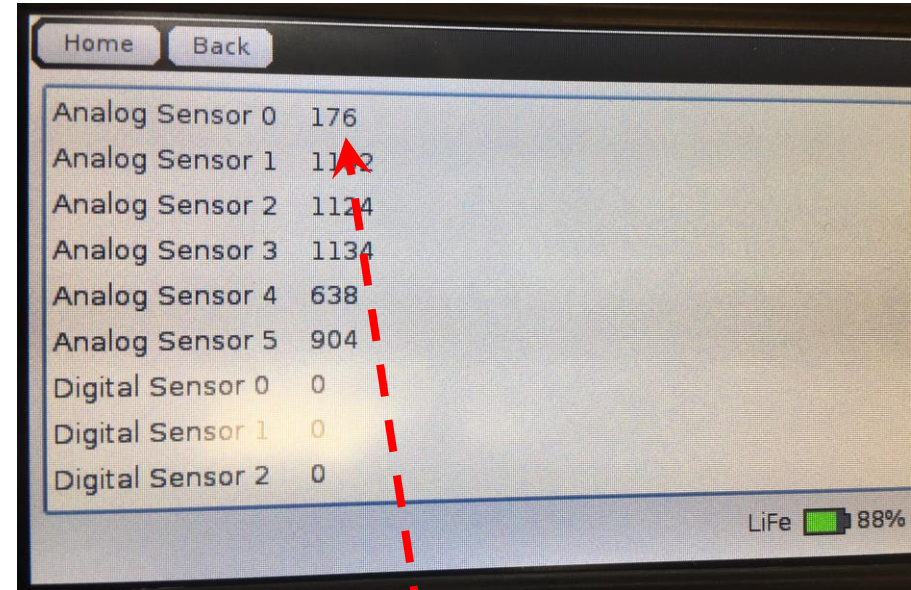
With the IR sensor plugged into analog port #0

- Over a white surface the value is (~200)
- Over a black surface the value is (~3000)

Your *values* will be different, but the *process* will be the same!



Value of ~3000
(Black Surface)

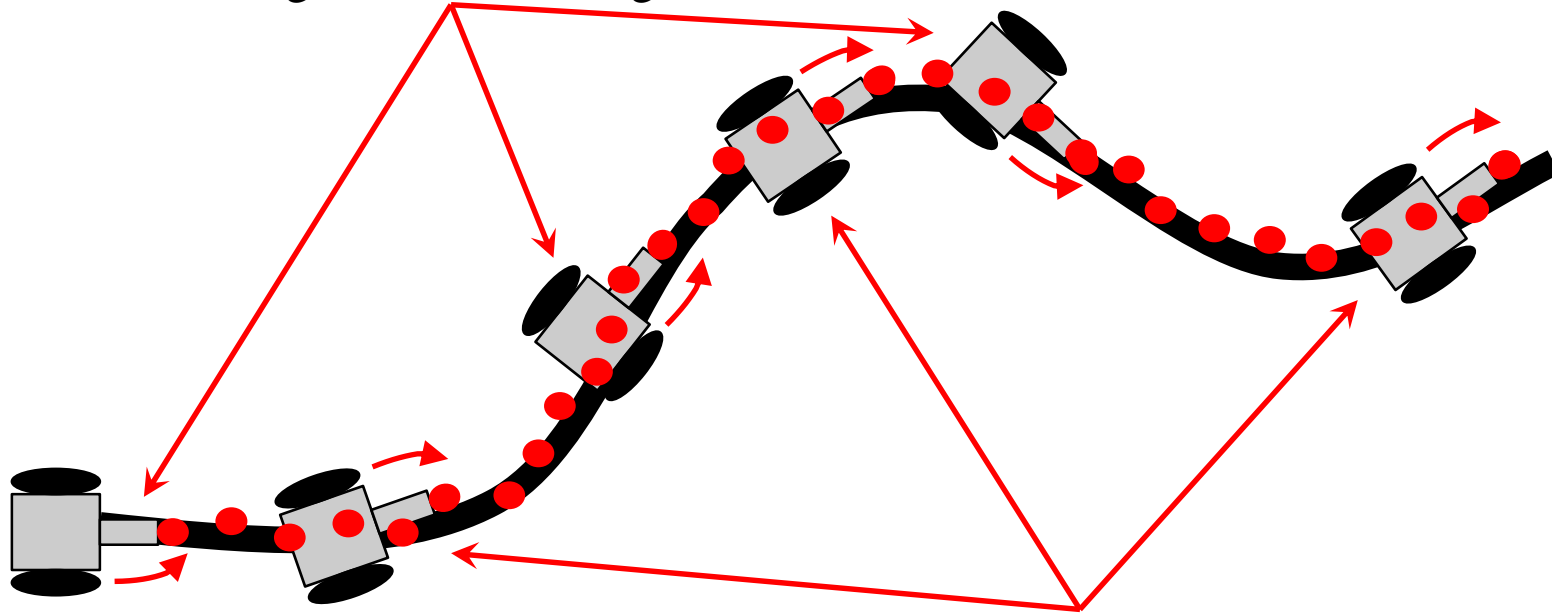


Value of ~200
(White Surface)

Line Following Strategy Using the Reflectance Sensor

Line Following Strategy: **while** - Is the button pushed?
Follow the line's right edge by alternating the following 2 actions:

1. **if** detecting dark, arc/turn right



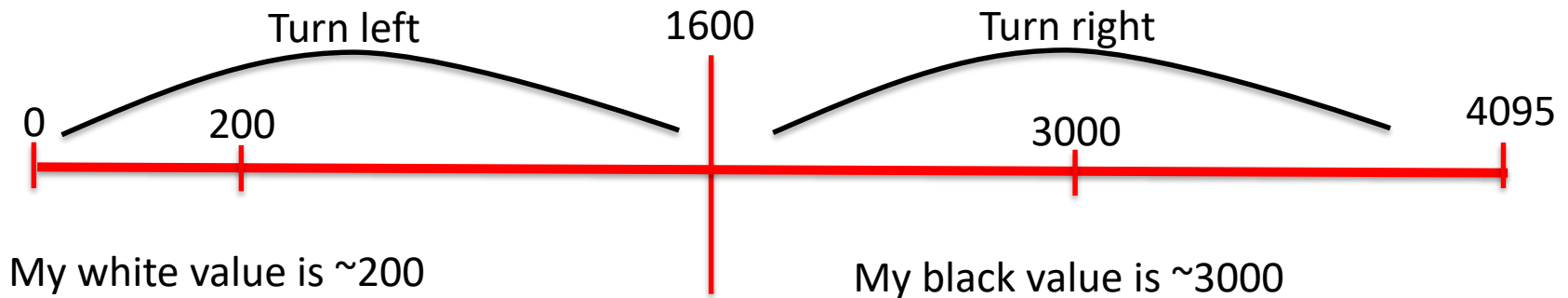
2. **if** detecting light, arc left.

3. Think about a sharp turn. What will your motor function look like? Remember the bigger the difference between the two motor powers the sharper the turn.



Understanding the IR Values

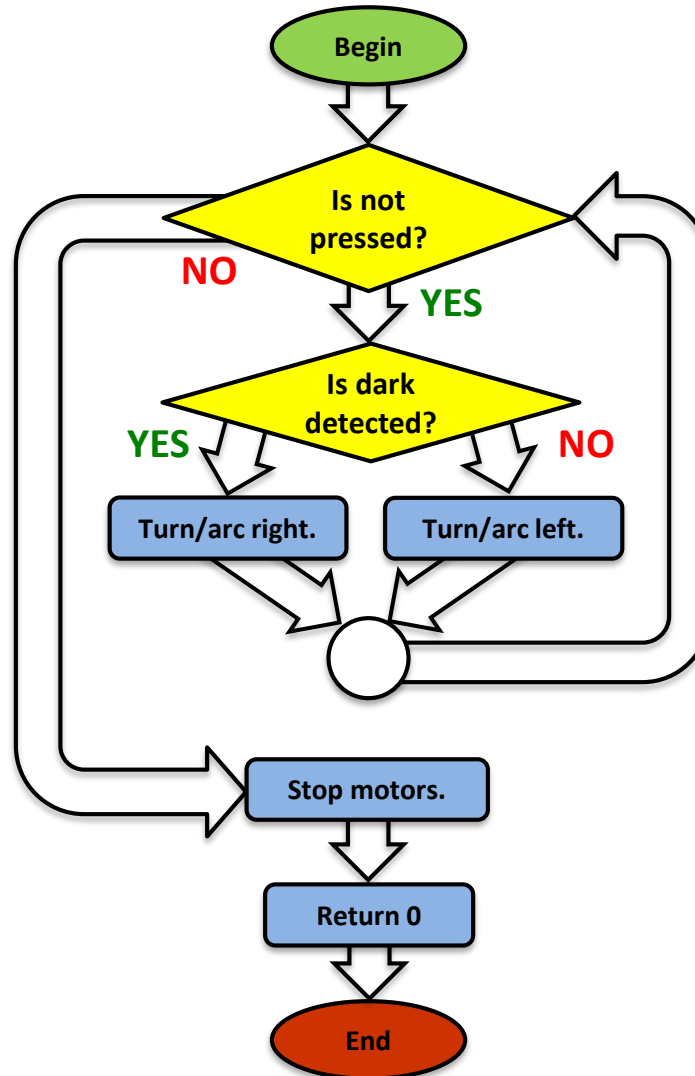
1. Place your IR analog sensor in one of the analog ports (0-5).
2. After mounting your IR sensor, check that the values are: white between 175-225 and black between 2900-3100; write down your values.
3. Find your threshold or middle value (approximately)
4. This number will be the value you need for the find the black line activity.



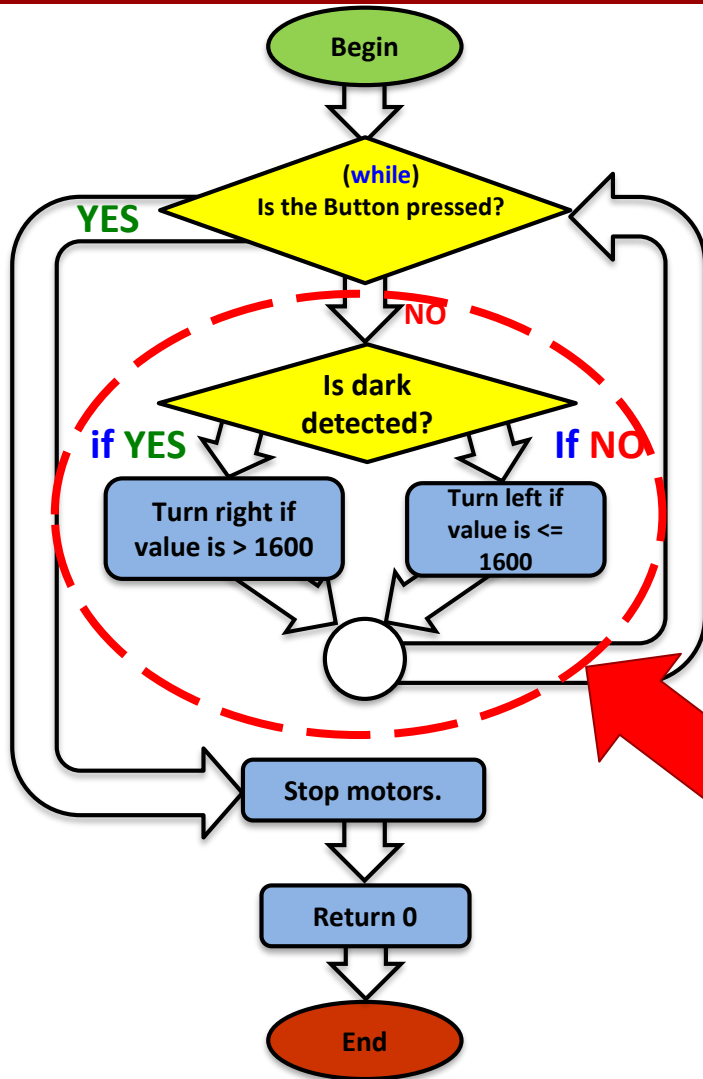
Determine what your threshold or “half way”.
This example is ~1600.

Line-following

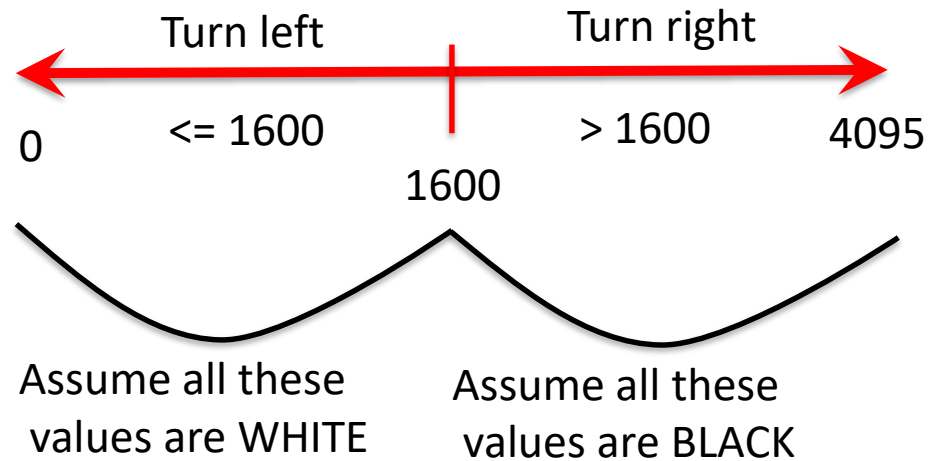
Analysis: Flowchart



Understanding while and if



You must cover all values



This is the part of the code that tells the Wallaby what to do when it sees black or white.



Activity 3 (connections to the game)

Starting with your DemoBot on one end of “JBC Mat 2” or using a piece of dark tape, have the robot travel along the path of the tape using the Top Hat sensor to determine the robot path (line following).

Line-following

Solution:

Pseudocode (Comments)

```
int main()
{
    // 1. Loop: Is not pressed?
    //   1.1. If: Is dark detected?
    //     1.1.1. Turn/arc left.
    //   1.2. Else:
    //     1.2.1. Turn/arc right.
    // 2. Stop motors.
    // 3. End the program.
}
```

Source Code

```
int main()
{
    while (digital(0) == 0)
    {
        if (analog(0) > 1600)
        {
            motor(0, -10);
            motor(2, 90);
        }

        else
        {
            motor(0, 90);
            motor(2, -10);
        }
    }

    ao();

    return 0;
}
```



Tip(s)

Change the threshold. Increase the “arc speed”.

```
int main()
{
    printf("Follow the line\n");
    while (digital(0) == 0)
    {
        if (analog(0) > 1600)
        {
            motor(0, -10);
            motor(2, 90);
        }
        else
        {
            motor(0, 90);
            motor(2, -10);
        }
    }
    ao();
    return 0;
}
```

The value of 1600 or the “threshold” value is ½ way between the observed values.

Remember black reflects less IR than white so the value is lower.

Notice the Boolean operators > 1600 or <= 1600
Your value may be much lower due to lighting, placement and turns

Also increasing the “arc speed” (by making the **difference** between the **forward speed** and **backwards speed** greater) may have a significant impact.



Homework

Game review

Game strategy

Workshop survey



Homework for tonight: game review

Visit <http://homebase.kipr.org>

Review the game rules on your **Team Home Base**.

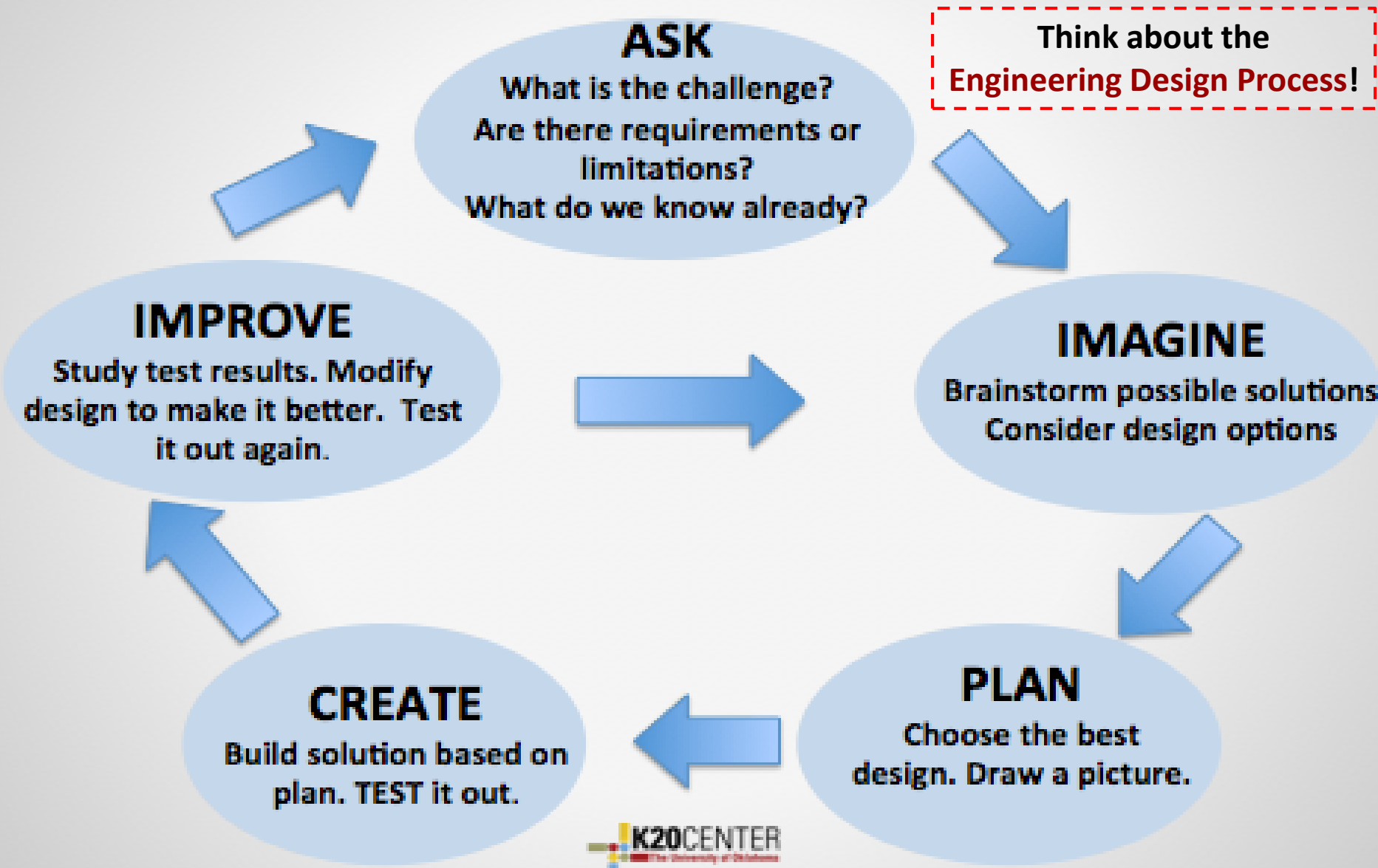
- We will have a **30-minute Q&A session** tomorrow.
- After the workshop, ask questions about game rules in the **Game Rules Forum**.
 - You should **regularly visit this forum**.
 - You will **find answers to the game questions** there.



Homework for tonight: game strategy

- Break down the game into subtasks!
- Write **pseudocode** and/or create **flowcharts**!
- Start with **easy points**—score early and score often!
- Keep it simple and make sure it works.
- Discuss your strategy with your instructor tomorrow.

Homework for tonight: game strategy





Homework for tonight: workshop survey


Please take our survey to give feedback about the workshop:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LCYB7RY>



Have a good night!

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2018 Team Home Base

The Team Home Base is your resource for:

- Botball online project documentation
- Botball game FAQs
- Other Botball game related resources

[bonus] Drive Straight!

Description: Write a program for the KIPR Wallaby that drives the DemoBot straight for 14000 ticks by adjusting the right motor power so that the position of the left motor is the same (or close) to the right.

Analysis: How can you adjust the left motor's position?

Pseudocode

1. Reset motor position counters.
2. Loop: Is counter < 14000?
 1. Move left motor at 75% power
 2. Is right wheel behind left?
 1. True: speed up right
 2. False: slow down right
3. Stop motors.
4. End the program.

Comments

```
// 1. Reset motor position counts.
// 2. Loop: check right position.
// 2.1 power left motor at 75%
// 2.2 is right behind left counters
// 2.2.1 slower: power right
//      motor at 100%
// 2.2.2 faster: power right
//      motor at 50%
// 3. Stop motors.
// 4. End the program.
```

Drive Straight!

Solution:

Pseudocode (Comments)

```
int main()
{
    // 1. clear both motor counters.
    // 2. Loop: check left position
    //     2.1. power left motor at 75%.
    //     2.2. compare right to left counters.
    //         2.2.1. slower: right motor at 100%
    //         2.1.2. faster: right motor at 50%
    // 3. Stop motors.
    // 4. End the program.
}
```

Source Code

```
int main()
{
    clear_motor_position_counter(0);
    cmpc(2);

    while(get_motor_position_counter(2) < 14000)
    {

        motor(2, 75);

        if(gmpc(0) < gmpc(2))
        {
            motor(0, 100);
        }
        else
        {
            motor(0, 50);
        }
    }

    ao();

    return 0;
}
```



Drive Straight

Reflection: What did you notice after you ran the program?

- Did the robot go straighter than in the previous program?
- How could you use this technique whenever you wanted to drive straight? (**Hint:** Consider writing a function with an argument for the distance.)
- How could you modify your program to go straight at different speeds?



Welcome back!

Please take our survey to give feedback about the workshop:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LCYB7RY>

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Workshop Schedule – Day 2

Day 1

- Botball Overview
- Getting started with the KIPR Software Suite
- Explaining the “Hello, World!” C Program
- Designing Your Own Program
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- Moving the DemoBot Servos
- Making Smarter Robots with Sensors
- Repetition, Repetition: Reacting
- Motor Position Counters
- Making a Choice
- Line-following
- Homework

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- Resources and Support



Botball Game Review

Game Q&A

Construction, documentation, and changes

`shut_down_in()` function

`wait_for_light()` function



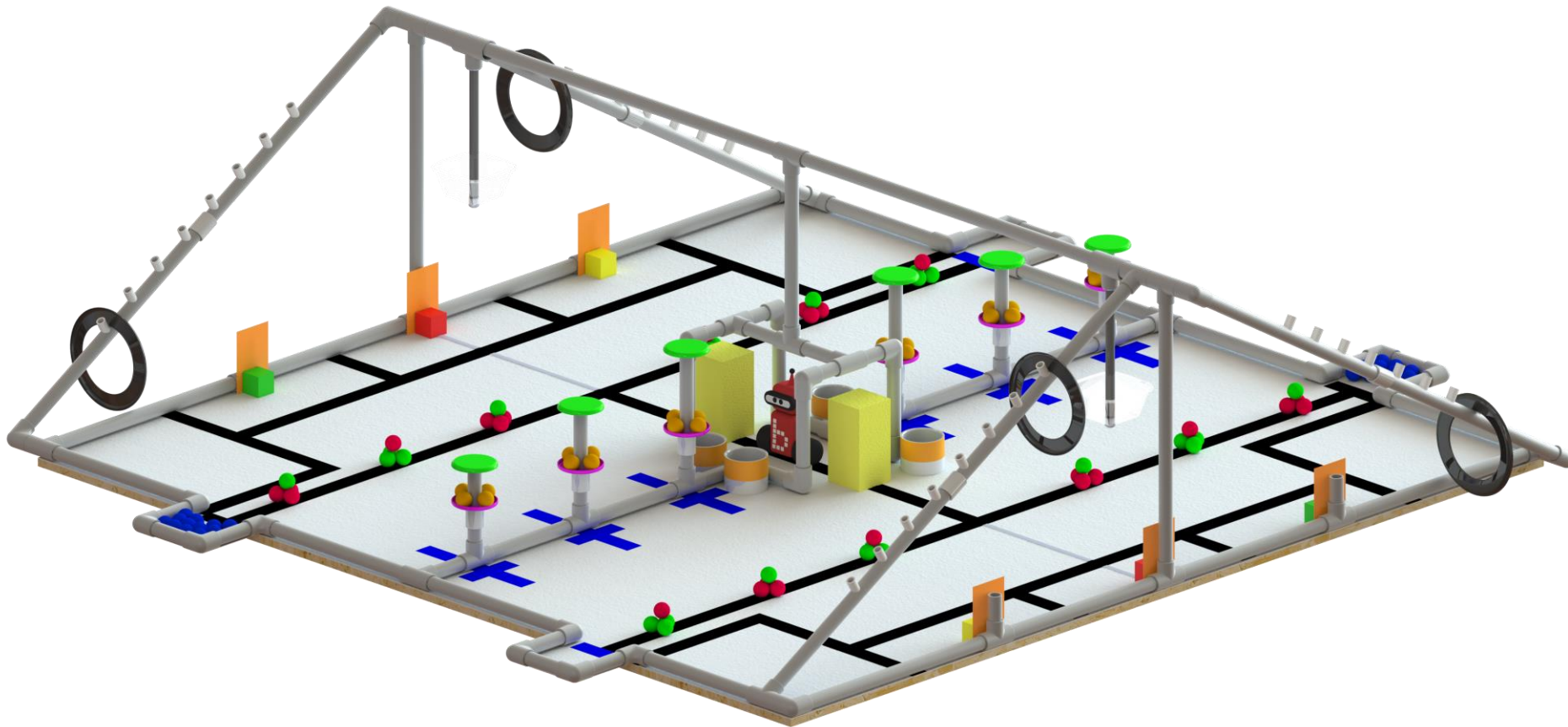
Botball Game Q&A starts...

NOW!

You have 30 minutes...



Botball game board





Ideas on construction

Note: our competition tables are built to specifications with allowable variance.

- Do **NOT** engineer robots that are so precise that a 1/4" difference in a measurement means they are not successful.
 - For example: the specified height of the tram assembly is set to be 13" above the game surface, if the actual height was 13 ¼" off the surface, an effector with too low of a tolerance may fail to do it's job.
- Review construction documents (like the ones on the **Home Base!**) to get building ideas.
- Search the internet for robots and structures to get building ideas.
- Test structure robustness ***before*** the tournament!



Documentation

What?

- **Botball Online Project Documentation (BOPD)**
- Rubrics and examples are on the **Team Home Base**
- **NO NAMES OR SCHOOL NAMES ALLOWED ON SUBMISSIONS**

When?

- 3 document submissions during design and build portion
- 1 onsite presentation (8 minute) at regional tournament

Why?

- To reinforce the Engineering Design Process
- Points earned in **Documentation** factor into the overall tournament scores!

See BOPD Handbook on the Team Home Base for more information (rubrics and exemplars).



Changes this season

- See the Team Homebase for a document covering all changes made in regards to Hardware, Rules, the Wallaby, Software, and Documentation.
- Kit Parts – ~11 new pieces (axle related), newer servos (and related pieces), new igus[®] set, new sensor mounts
- Game Rules – paper clips, pennies (for counterweight purposes), challenge rule updates, external communication rule updates, etc.
- Resources – other updates can be found online.



Starting your programs with a light

- The **light sensor** is a cool way to *automatically* start your robot and *critical* for Botball robots at the beginning of the game.
- The `wait_for_light()` function allows your program to run when your robot senses a light.
 - **Note:** It has a built-in calibration routine that will come up on the screen (a step-by-step guide for this calibration routine is on a following slide).
- The light sensor senses *infrared light*, so light must be emitted from an *incandescent light*, not an *LED light*.
 - For our activities, you can use a flashlight.
- The **more** light (infrared) detected, the **lower** the reported value.





Sensor waiting functions

```
wait_for_light(3);  
// Waits for the light on port #3 before going to the next line.
```

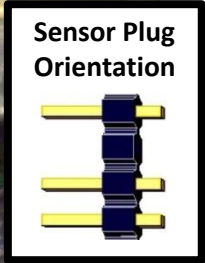
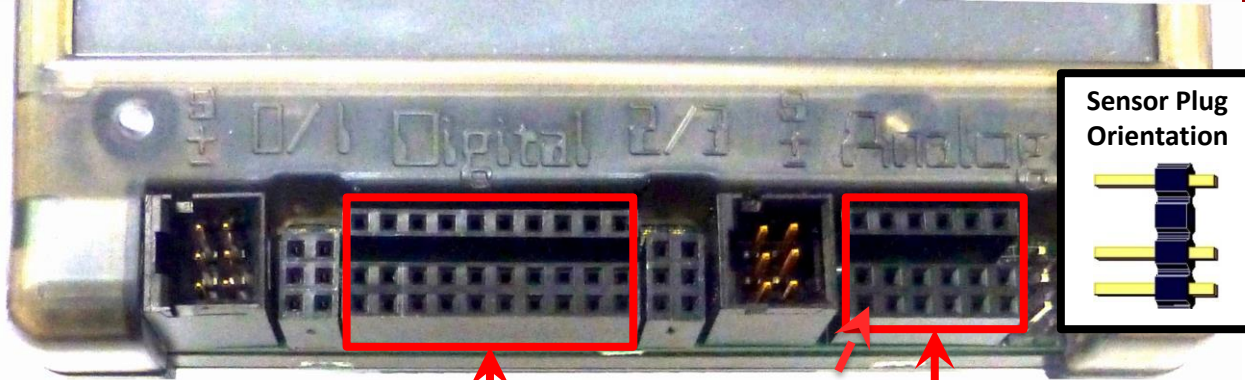


Using `wait_for_light`

What is this?

```
int main()
{
    wait_for_light(3);
    printf("I see the light!\n");
    return 0;
}
```

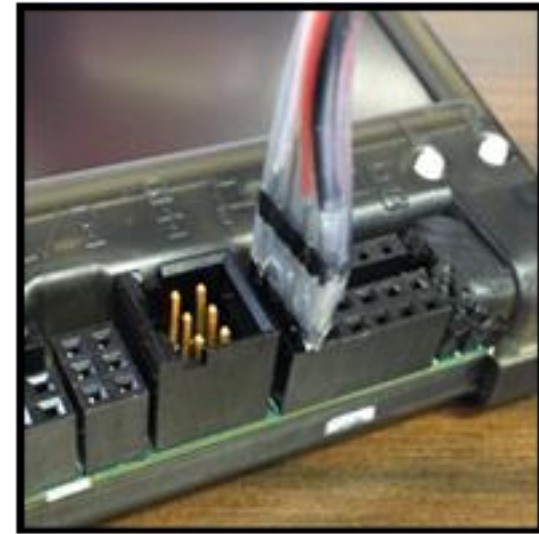
Plug in your light sensor (and get a flashlight (or top-hat sensor)!)



Digital Sensor
Ports # 0 – 9

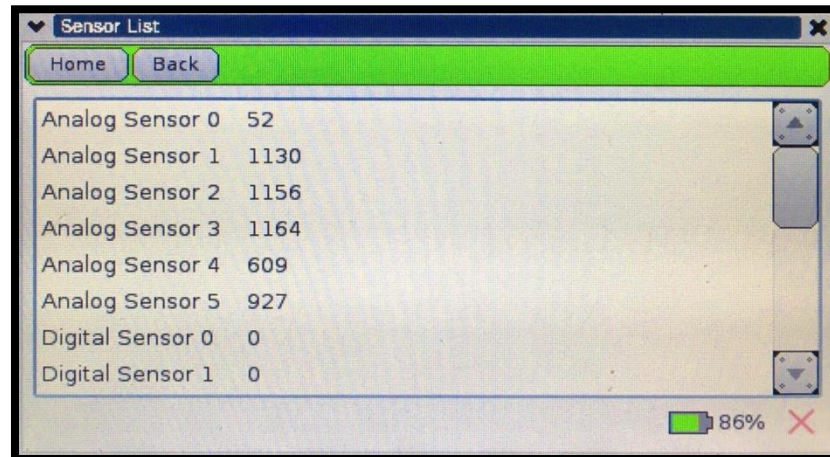
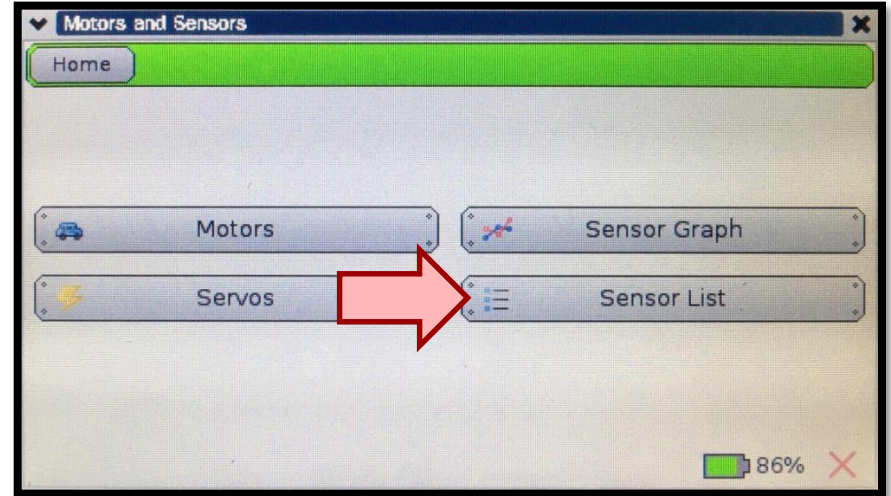
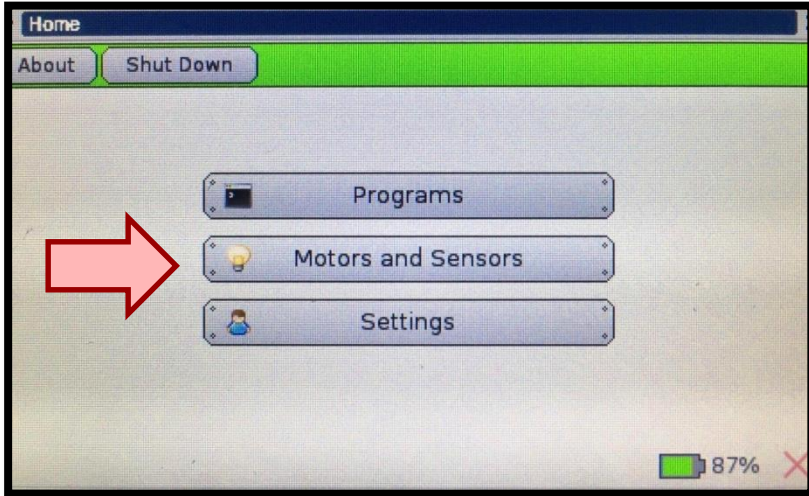
Analog Sensor
Ports # 0-5

**Plug your Light
Sensor into Analog
Port #3.**



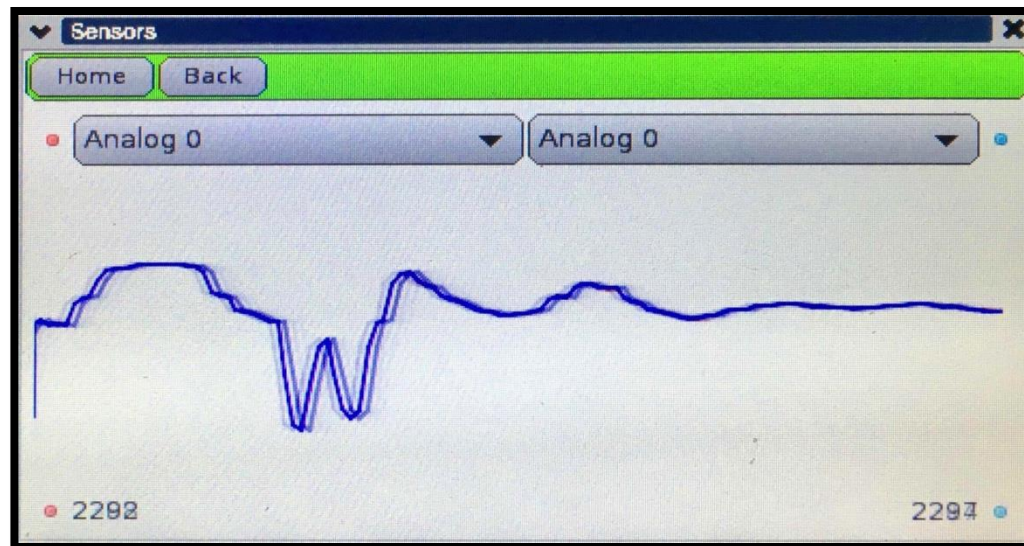
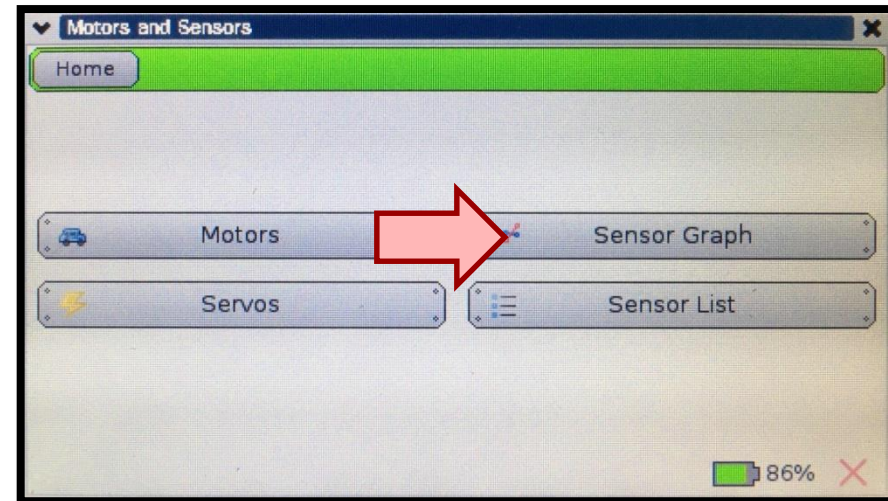


Use the sensor list





Use the sensor graph



Starting with a light

Description: Write a program for the KIPR Wallaby that waits for a light to come on, drives the DemoBot forward for 3 seconds, and then stops.

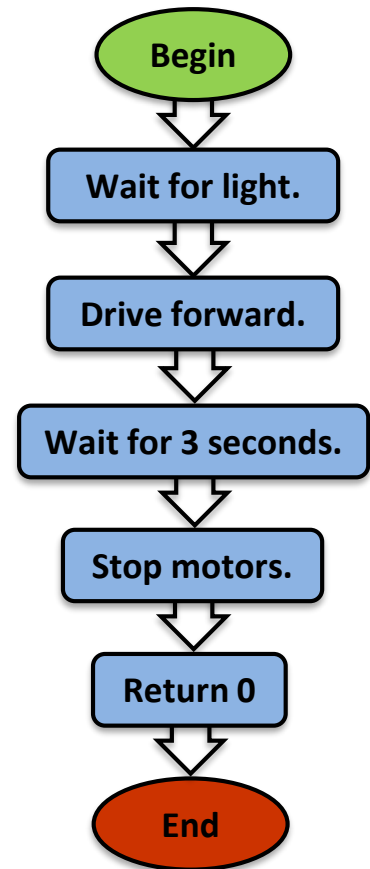
Analysis: What is the program supposed to do?

Pseudocode

- | | |
|------------------------|--|
| 1. Wait for light. | <code>// 1. Wait for light.</code> |
| 2. Drive forward. | <code>// 2. Drive forward.</code> |
| 3. Wait for 3 seconds. | <code>// 3. Wait for 3 seconds.</code> |
| 4. Stop motors. | <code>// 4. Stop motors.</code> |
| 5. End the program. | <code>// 5. End the program.</code> |

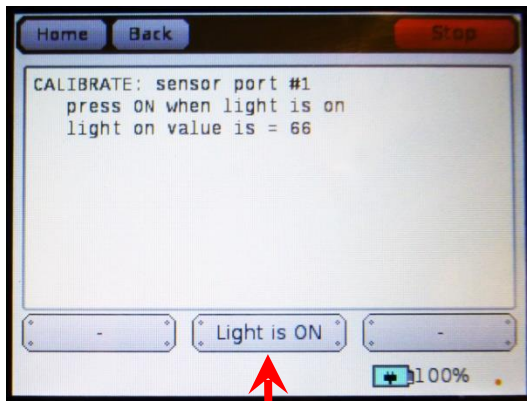
Comments

Flowchart

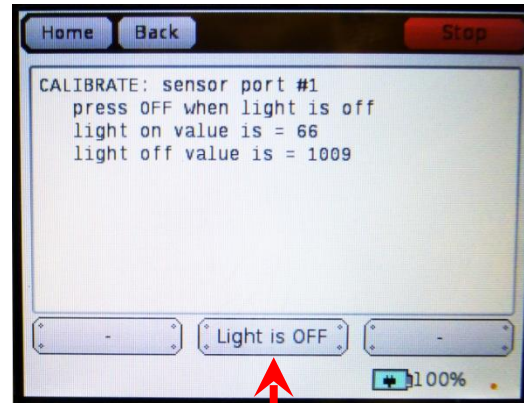


wait_for_light calibration routine

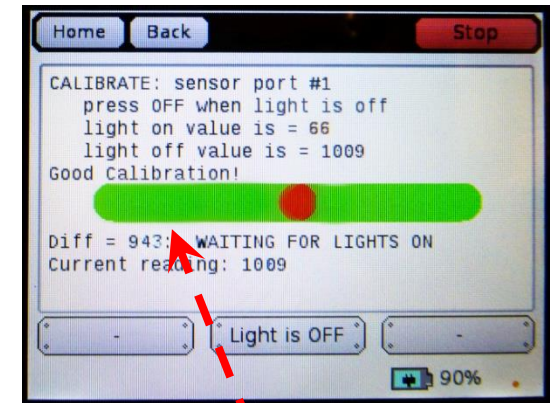
When you use the `wait_for_light()` function in your program, the following calibration routine will run automatically.



When the light is *on* (low value), press the “**Light is On**” button.



When the light is *off* (high value), press the “**Light is Off**” button.



You will get a “**Good Calibration!**” message and moving red dot on green bar when done *correctly*. You will get a “**BAD CALIBRATION**” message when not done correctly, and you will need to run through the routine again.

Note: For Botball, `wait_for_light()` should be one of the first functions called in your program.

Starting with a light

Solution:

Comments

```
int main()
{
    // 1. Wait for light.
    // 2. Drive forward.
    // 3. Wait for 3 seconds.
    // 4. Stop motors.
    // 5. End the program.
}
```

Source Code

```
int main()
{
    wait_for_light(3);

    motor(0, 100); //forward
    motor(2, 100);
    msleep(3000);
    ao();

    return 0;
}
```

Execution: Compile and run your program on the KIPR Wallaby.

Starting with a light

Solution: Use a function!

Source Code

Comments

```
int main()
{
    // 1. Wait for light.
    // 2. Drive forward.
    // 3. Wait for 3 seconds.
    // 4. Stop motors.
    // 5. End the program.
}
```

```
void drive_forward();
int main()
{
    wait_for_light(3);

    drive_forward();
    msleep(3000);

    ao();

    return 0;
}

void drive_forward()
{
    motor(0, 100);
    motor(2, 100);
}
```

Execution: Compile and run your program on the KIPR Wallaby.



Remember loops?

- How does the `wait_for_light()` function work?
- We can use a **loop**, which controls the **flow** of the program by repeating a **block of code** until a sensor reaches a particular value.
 - The number of repetitions is unknown
 - The number of repetitions depends on the conditions sensed by the robot



Botball tournament functions

These two functions should be two of the first lines of code in your Botball tournament program!

```
wait_for_light(0);  
// Waits for the light on port #0 before going to the next line.
```

```
shut_down_in(119);  
// Shuts down all motors after 119 seconds (just less than 2 minutes).
```

- **This function call should come immediately after the `wait_for_light()` in your code.**
- If you do not have this function in your code, your robot may not automatically turn off its motors at the end of the Botball round and **you will be disqualified!**



Tournament templates

```
int main() // for your Create robot
{
    create_connect();
    wait_for_light(0); // change the port number to match the port you use
    shut_down_in(119); // shut off the motors and stop the robot after 119 seconds
    // Your code
    create_disconnect();
    return 0;
}
```

```
int main() // for not your Create robot
{
    wait_for_light(0); // change the port number to match the port you use
    shut_down_in(119); // shut off the motors and stop the robot after 119 seconds
    // Your code
    return 0;
}
```



Running a Botball tournament program

Description: Write a program for the KIPR Wallaby that waits for a light to come on, shuts down the program in 5 seconds, drives the DemoBot forward until it detects a touch, and then stops.

Analysis: What is the program supposed to do?

Pseudocode

1. Wait for light.
2. Shut down in 5 seconds.
3. Drive forward.
4. Wait for touch.
5. Stop motors.
6. End the program.

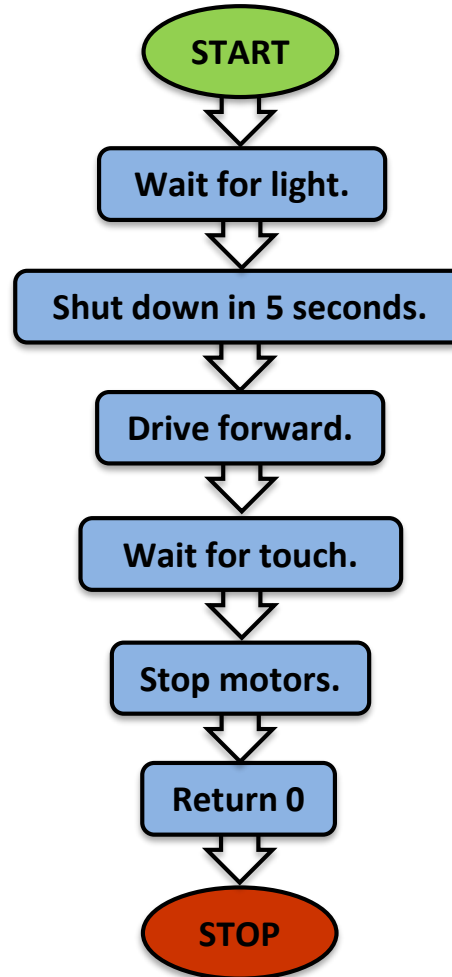
Comments

```
// 1. Wait for light.  
// 2. Shut down in 5 seconds.  
// 3. Drive forward.  
// 4. Wait for touch.  
// 5. Stop motors.  
// 6. End the program.
```

Running a Botball tournament program

Analysis:

Flowchart



Running a Botball tournament program

Solution:

Pseudocode (Comments)

```
int main()
{
    // 1. Wait for light.
    // 2. Shut down in 5 seconds.
    // 3. Drive forward.
    // 4. Wait for touch.
    // 5. Stop motors.
    // 6. End the program.
}
```

Source Code

```
int main()
{
    wait_for_light(0);

    shut_down_in(5);

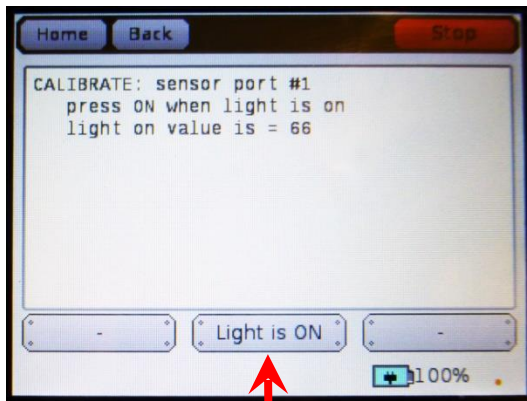
    while (digital(0) == 0)
    {
        motor(0, 100);
        motor(2, 100);
    }
    ao();

    return 0;
}
```

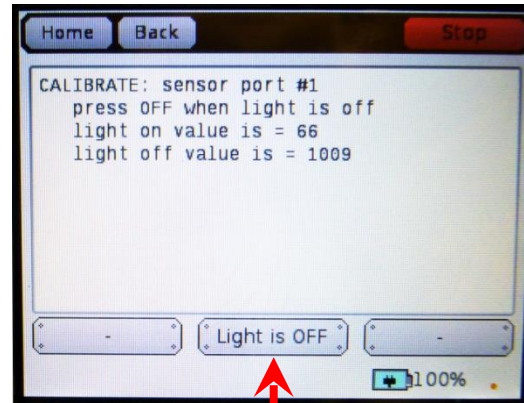
Execution: Compile and run your program on the KIPR Wallaby.

wait_for_light() calibration routine

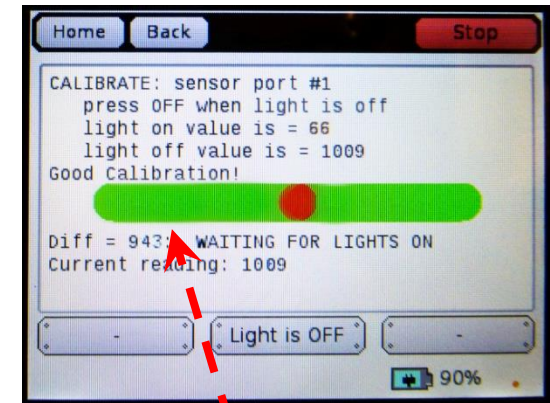
When you use the `wait_for_light()` function in your program, the following calibration routine will run automatically.



When the light is *on* (low value), press the “**Light is On**” button.



When the light is *off* (high value), press the “**Light is Off**” button.



You will get a “**Good Calibration!**” message and moving red dot on green bar when done *correctly*. You will get a “**BAD CALIBRATION!**” message when not done correctly, and you will need to run through the routine again.

Note: For Botball, `wait_for_light()` should be one of the first functions called in your program.



Running a Botball tournament program

Reflection:

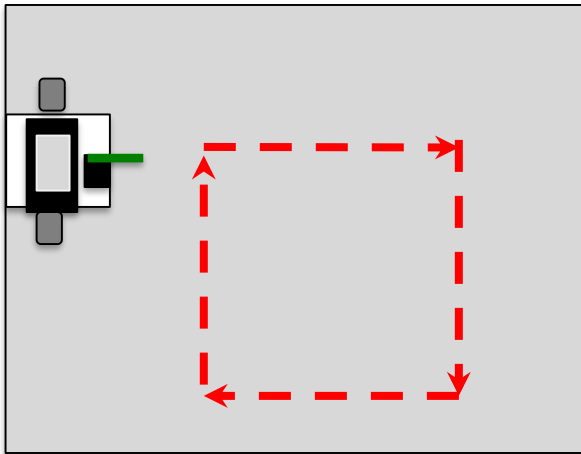
- What happens if the touch sensor is pressed in *less than 5 seconds* after starting the program?
- What happens if the touch sensor is not pressed in *less than 5 seconds* after starting the program?
- What is the best way to guarantee that your program will *start with the light* in a Botball tournament round? (Answer: `wait_for_light(0)`)
- What is the best way to guarantee that your program will *stop within 120 seconds* in a Botball tournament round? (Answer: `shut_down_in(119)`)

Use these functions in your Botball tournament code!

Draw a square

Description: Write a program for the KIPR Wallaby that drives the DemoBot along a path in the shape of a square.

- Start with having the robot make a 90° turn.
- Then add in forward movements to have the robot drive along a square path. Remember the direction your robot is taking.





Draw a square

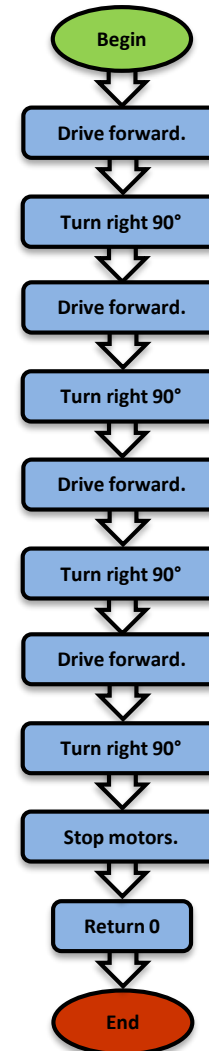
Analysis: What is the program supposed to do?

Pseudocode

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Drive forward. | // 1. Drive forward. |
| 2. Turn right 90°. | // 2. Turn right 90-degrees. |
| 3. Drive forward. | // 3. Drive forward. |
| 4. Turn right 90°. | // 4. Turn right 90-degrees. |
| 5. Drive forward. | // 5. Drive forward. |
| 6. Turn right 90°. | // 6. Turn right 90-degrees. |
| 7. Drive forward. | // 7. Drive forward. |
| 8. Turn right 90°. | // 8. Turn right 90-degrees. |
| 9. Stop motors. | // 9. Stop motors. |
| 10. End the program. | // 10. End the program. |

Comments

Flowchart

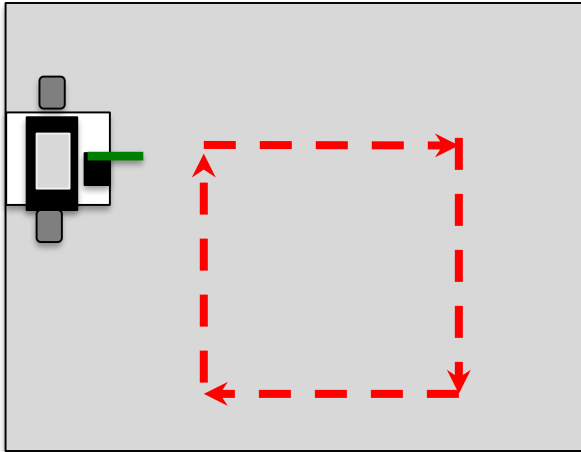


Draw a square

Solution:

Here is some code that uses the `motor()` and `msleep()` functions to drive the robot in a square.

Note: this is just *one of many* solutions.



```
int main()
{
    // 1. Drive forward.
    motor(0, 100);
    motor(2, 100);
    msleep(4000);

    // 2. Turn right 90-degrees.
    motor(0, 100);
    motor(2, -100);
    msleep(1500);

    // 3. Drive forward.
    motor(0, 100);
    motor(2, 100);
    msleep(4000);

    // 4. Turn right 90-degrees.
    motor(0, 100);
    motor(2, -100);
    msleep(1500);

    // 5. Drive forward.
    motor(0, 100);
    motor(2, 100);
    msleep(4000);

    // 6. Turn right 90-degrees.
    motor(0, 100);
    motor(2, -100);
    msleep(1500);

    // 7. Drive forward.
    motor(0, 100);
    motor(2, 100);
    msleep(4000);

    // 8. Turn right 90-degrees.
    motor(0, 100);
    motor(2, -100);
    msleep(1500);

    ao(); // 9. Stop motors.
    return 0; // 10. End the program.
} // end main
```



Fun with Functions

Writing your own functions

Function prototypes, definitions, and calls

Draw a square

Reflection:

Notice there are many repeated steps.

For example:

```
// Drive forward.
motor(0, 90);
motor(2, 90);
msleep(4000);
```

... is **repeated 4 times** in this program!

- Also, Turn right 90-degrees.

You will quickly learn to use copy-and-paste over and over again, but there is a better and easier way...

Learning to write your own functions allows you to reuse code easily!

Drive forward.

Turn right.

Drive forward.

Turn right.

Drive forward.

Turn right.

Drive forward.

Turn right.

```
int main()
{
    // 1. Drive forward.
    motor(0, 100);
    motor(2, 100);
    msleep(4000);

    // 2. Turn right 90-degrees.
    motor(0, 70);
    motor(2, -70);
    msleep(1500);

    // 3. Drive forward.
    motor(0, 90);
    motor(2, 90);
    msleep(4000);

    // 4. Turn right 90-degrees.
    motor(0, 70);
    motor(2, -70);
    msleep(1500);

    // 5. Drive forward.
    motor(0, 90);
    motor(2, 90);
    msleep(4000);

    // 6. Turn right 90-degrees.
    motor(0, 70);
    motor(2, -70);
    msleep(1500);

    // 7. Drive forward.
    motor(0, 90);
    motor(2, 90);
    msleep(4000);

    // 8. Turn right 90-degrees.
    motor(0, 70);
    motor(2, -70);
    msleep(1500);

    ao(); // 9. Stop motors.
    return 0; // 10. End the program.
} // end main
```



Writing your own functions

- **Remember:** a **function** is like a recipe.
- When you **call** (use) the **function**, the computer (or robot) does all of the actions listed in the “recipe” in the order they are listed.
- **Functions** are very helpful if you take some actions multiple times:
 - driving straight forward → `drive_forward()` ;
 - making a 90° left turn → `turn_left_90()` ;
 - making a 180° turn → `turn_around()` ;
 - lifting an arm up → `lift_arm()` ;
 - closing a claw → `close_claw()` ;
- **Functions** often make it easier to **(1)** read the **main** function, and **(2)** change distance, turning, timing, or other values if necessary.

We made these up...
and that's the point!

You can write your
own functions to do
whatever you want!



Writing your own functions

- There are **three components** to a function:
 1. **Function prototype:** a *promise* to the computer that the function is defined somewhere (an entry in the table of contents of a recipe book)
 2. **Function definition:** the list of actions to be executed (the recipe)
 3. **Function call:** using the function (recipe) in your program

```
1 → void drive_forward(); // function prototype

int main()
{
3 → drive_forward(); // function call
  return 0;
} // end main

2 → void drive_forward() // function definition
{
  motor(0, 90);
  motor(2, 90);
  msleep(4000);
  ao();
} // end drive_forward
```

void is a data type, we will talk about data types later



Writing your own functions

Function prototypes
go above main.

Function calls
go inside main
(or inside other
functions).

Function definitions
go below main.

```
void drive_forward(); // function prototype
```

```
int main()  
{  
    drive_forward(); // function call  
    return 0;  
} // end main
```

```
void drive_forward() // function definition  
{  
    motor(0, 90);  
    motor(2, 90);  
    msleep(4000);  
    ao();  
} // end drive_forward
```

Use **void** in your function prototype if you are **commanding** the robot to do something.



Writing your own functions

The **function prototype** and the **function definition** *look the same except for one thing...*

prototype →

```
void drive_forward(); // function prototype
```

```
int main()
{
    drive_forward(); // function call
    return 0;
} // end main
```

definition →

```
void drive_forward() // function definition
{
    motor(0, 90);
    motor(2, 90);
    msleep(4000);
    ao();
} // end drive_forward
```

Notice: no semicolon!
(Why not?)



Writing your own functions

```
void drive_forward(); // function prototype
```

```
int main()  
{  
    drive_forward(); // function call  
    return 0;  
} // end main
```

```
void drive_forward() // function definition  
{  
    motor(0, 90);  
    motor(2, 90);  
    msleep(4000);  
    ao();  
} // end drive_forward
```

The **function prototype** is a *promise* to the computer...

... that you will tell the computer *what* to do in the **function definition**.

Neither the **function prototype** nor the **function definition** tell the computer when to use the function. That is the job of the **function call**...



Writing your own functions

```
void drive_forward(); // function prototype
```

```
int main()  
{  
    drive_forward(); // function call  
    return 0;  
} // end main
```

```
void drive_forward() // function definition  
{  
    motor(0, 90);  
    motor(2, 90);  
    msleep(4000);  
    ao();  
} // end drive_forward
```

The **function call** makes the computer jump down to the **function definition**.

The program then executes all of the lines of code in the **block of code**.



Writing your own functions

```
void drive_forward(); // function prototype
```

```
int main()  
{  
    drive_forward(); // function call  
    return 0;  
} // end main
```

After the computer executes all of the lines of code in the **function definition**, the program jumps back up to the line of code after the **function call** and continues.

```
void drive_forward() // function definition  
{  
    motor(0, 90);  
    motor(2, 90);  
    msleep(4000);  
    ao();  
} // end drive_forward
```

This is the **end }** of the **function definition**.



Writing your own functions

```
// function prototypes
void drive_forward();
void turn_right();

int main()
{
    drive_forward();    // drive_forward function call
    turn_right();      // turn_right function call
    return 0;
} // end main

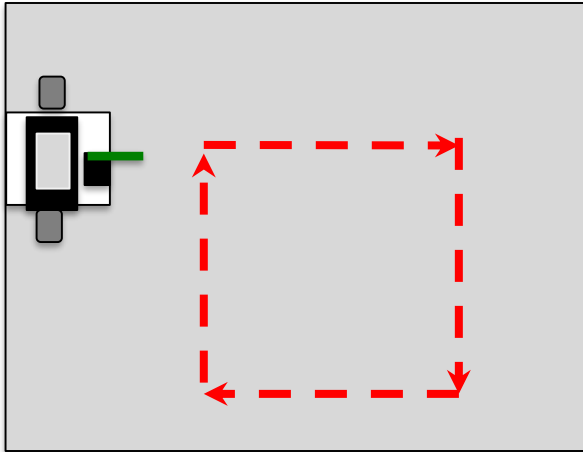
void drive_forward() // drive_forward function definition
{
    motor(0, 90);
    motor(2, 90);
    msleep(4000);
    ao();
} // end drive_forward

void turn_right() // turn_right function definition
{
    motor(0, 70);
    motor(2, -70);
    msleep(1500);
    ao();
} // end turn_right
```

Draw a square using functions

Description: Write a program for the KIPR Wallaby that drives the DemoBot along a path in the shape of a square *using functions*.

- **Hint:** modify your old square-drawing program to use your own functions.
- Break the task down into common subtasks → these become your functions!



Code without your functions

```
int main()
{
    // 1. Drive forward.
    motor(0, 90);
    motor(2, 90);
    msleep(4000);

    // 2. Turn right 90-degrees.
    motor(0, 70);
    motor(2, -70);
    msleep(1500);

    // 3. Drive forward.
    motor(0, 90);
    motor(2, 90);
    msleep(4000);

    // 4. Turn right 90-degrees.
    motor(0, 70);
    motor(2, -70);
    msleep(1500);

    // 5. Drive forward.
    motor(0, 90);
    motor(2, 90);
    msleep(4000);

    // 6. Turn right 90-degrees.
    motor(0, 70);
    motor(2, -70);
    msleep(1500);

    // 7. Drive forward.
    motor(0, 90);
    motor(2, 90);
    msleep(4000);

    // 8. Turn right 90-degrees.
    motor(0, 70);
    motor(2, -70);
    msleep(1500);

    ao(); // 9. Stop motors.
    return 0; // 10. End the program.
} // end main
```

main is shorter and
easier to read.

Code with your functions

```
// Function prototype for
// drive_forward_and_turn_right.
void drive_forward_and_turn_right();

// Function definition for main.
int main()
{
    // Four function calls for
    // drive_forward_and_turn_right.
    drive_forward_and_turn_right();
    drive_forward_and_turn_right();
    drive_forward_and_turn_right();
    drive_forward_and_turn_right();
    return 0;
} // end main

// Function definition for
// drive_forward_and_turn_right.
void drive_forward_and_turn_right()
{
    // Drive forward.
    motor(0, 90);
    motor(2, 90);
    msleep(4000);

    // Turn right 90-degrees.
    motor(0, 70);
    motor(2, -70);
    msleep(1500);

    // Stop motors.
    ao();
} // end drive_forward_and_turn_right
```


Draw a square

Reflection:

1. It makes the main function easier to read and understand, and spotting mistakes is much easier.
2. You only have to change a value **one time** in the **function definition** for it to affect the entire program.
 - For example, to draw a smaller square, simply change the `msleep()` value in your `drive_forward_and_turn()` function definition from **4000** to **2000**.

```
// Function prototype for
// drive_forward_and_turn_right.
void drive_forward_and_turn_right();

// Function definition for main.
int main()
{
    // Four function calls for
    // drive_forward_and_turn_right.
    drive_forward_and_turn_right();
    drive_forward_and_turn_right();
    drive_forward_and_turn_right();
    drive_forward_and_turn_right();
    return 0;
} // end main

// Function definition for
// drive_forward_and_turn_right.
void drive_forward_and_turn_right()
{
    // Drive forward.
    motor(0, 90);
    motor(2, 90);
    msleep(4000);

    // Turn right 90-degrees.
    motor(0, 70);
    motor(2, -70);
    msleep(1500);

    // Stop motors.
    ao();
} // end drive_forward_and_turn_right
```



Advanced waving the servo arm

Create a function to wave your servo arm.

Comments

```
void wave()  
{  
    // 1. Enable servos.  
    // 2. Move servo to YOUR limit.  
    // 3. Wait for 3 seconds.  
    // 4. Move servo to YOUR other limit.  
    // 5. Wait for 3 seconds.  
    // 6. Disable servos.  
}
```

Move the Servo using functions

Solution:

Comments

```
void wave()
{
    // 1. Enable servos.
    // 2. Move servo to YOUR limit.
    // 3. Wait for 3 seconds.
    // 4. Move servo to YOUR other limit.
    // 5. Wait for 3 seconds.
    // 6. Disable servos.
}
```

Source Code

```
void wave();

int main()
{
    wave(); // function call
    return 0;
} // end main

void wave()
{
    // 1. Enable servos.
    enable_servos();
    // 2. Move servo to YOUR limit.
    set_servo_position(0, 1400);

    // 3. Wait for 3 seconds.
    msleep(3000);

    // 4. Move servo to YOUR other limit.
    set_servo_position(0, 1024);
    // 5. Wait for 3 seconds.
    msleep(3000);
    // 6. Disable servos.
    disable_servos();
}
```

Use YOUR
servo limits!

Execution: Compile and run your program on the KIPR Wallaby.

Line-following with functions

Solution: (using two functions)

Pseudocode (Comments)

```
int main()
{
    // 1. Loop: Is not pressed?
    //   1.1. If: Is dark detected?
    //     1.1.1. Turn/arc right.
    //   1.2. Else:
    //     1.2.1. Turn/arc left.
    // 2. Stop motors.
    // 3. End the program.
}
```

Source Code

```
void turn_left();
void turn_right();

int main()
{
    while (digital(0) == 0)
    {
        if (analog(0) > 1600)
        {
            turn_right();
        }
        else
        {
            turn_left();
        }
    }

    ao();

    return 0;
}

void turn_left()
{
    motor(0, 10);
    motor(2, 80); // Turn/arc left.
}

void turn_right()
{
    motor(0, 80);
    motor(2, 10); // Turn/arc right.
}
```



More Variables and Functions with Arguments

Data types

Creating and setting a variable

Variable arithmetic

Functions with arguments and return values

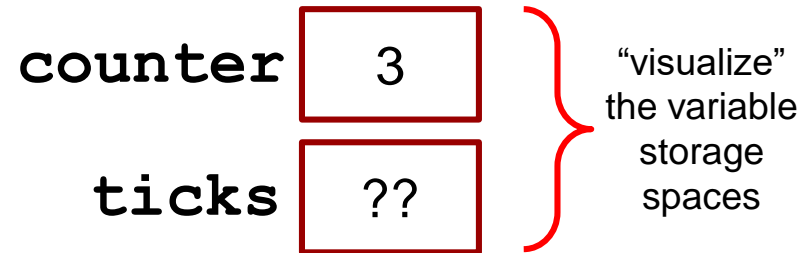


Variables (quick recap)

You can set the value of an int variable to any integer you choose and change it when you need in the code.

Note that a single equal sign (=) means *is assigned* (sometimes it is called the “assignment operator”).

```
int counter;  
int ticks;
```



So `counter = 3;` means “counter is assigned 3”.

And `ticks = 2000 * (1400.0 / circumferenceMM);` means “ticks is assigned 2000 times 1400.0 divided by circumference (in mm)” (used to calculate how many ticks needed to travel ~2meters).



Remember This?

When you call this function, how long will it run for?

```
void drive_forward(); // function prototype

int main()
{
    drive_forward(); // function call
    return 0;
}

void drive_forward() // function definition
{
    motor(0, 80);
    motor(2, 80);
    msleep(4000);
    ao();
}
```

What if you don't want it to run for this long each time?



Functions with arguments

- **Function arguments:** values you will set when you call the function

```
void drive_forward(int milliseconds); // function prototype

int main()
{
    drive_forward(4000); // function call
    return 0;
} // end main

void drive_forward(int milliseconds) // function definition
{
    motor(0, 80);
    motor(2, 80);
    msleep(milliseconds);
    ao();
}
```




Writing your own functions with arguments

```
void drive_forward(int milliseconds); // function prototype
```

```
int main()
{
    drive_forward(4000); // function call
    return 0;
} // end main
```

The value in the **function call** sets the value of the **argument**...

```
void drive_forward(int milliseconds) // function definition
{
    motor(0, 80);
    motor(2, 80);
    msleep(milliseconds);
    ao();
} // end drive_forward
```

... which is then used in the **function definition**.



Writing your own functions with arguments

The **function prototype** and the **function definition** look the same except for one thing...



```
void drive_forward(int milliseconds); // function prototype
```

```
int main()
{
    drive_forward(4000); // function call
    return 0;
} // end main
```



```
void drive_forward(int milliseconds) // function definition
{
    motor(0, 80);
    motor(2, 80);
    msleep(milliseconds);
    ao();
} // end drive_forward
```

Notice: no semicolon!
(Why not?)



Writing your own functions with multiple arguments

```
void drive_forward(int power, int milliseconds); // function prototype
```

```
int main()
{
    drive_forward(80, 4000); // function call
    return 0;
}
```

The value in the **function call** sets the value of the **argument**...

```
void drive_forward(int power, int milliseconds) // function definition
{
    motor(0, power);
    motor(2, power);
    msleep(milliseconds);
    ao();
}
```

... which is then used in the **function definition**.



Arguments can change over time

```
void drive_forward(int power, int milliseconds); // function prototype
void turn_right(int degrees); // function prototype
```

```
int main()
{
    drive_forward(80, 4000);
    turn_right(90); // not defined yet but trust that it works
    drive_forward(75, 2000);
    return 0;
}
```

The values in the **SECOND** function call
are now 75 and 2000 respectively

```
void drive_forward(int power, int milliseconds) // function definition
{
    motor(0, power);
    motor(2, power);
    msleep(milliseconds);
    ao();
}
```

... which is then used in the
function definition.



Repetition, Repetition, Repetition

Program flow control with loops

`while` loops for counting

`while` and Boolean operators



Program flow control with loops

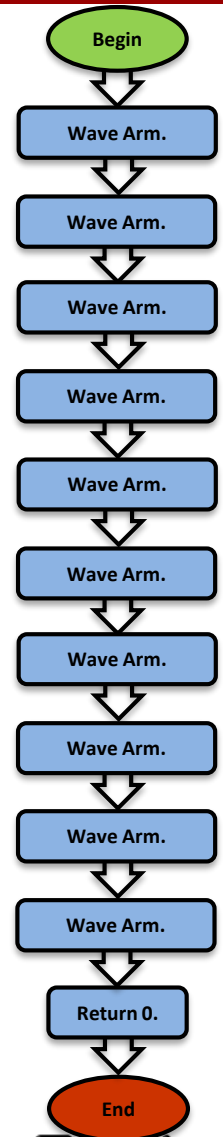
Suppose your task is to wave the robot arm 10 times...

Pseudocode

1. Wave Arm.
2. Wave Arm.
3. Wave Arm.
4. Wave Arm.
5. Wave Arm.
6. Wave Arm.
7. Wave Arm.
8. Wave Arm.
9. Wave Arm.
10. Wave Arm.
11. End the program.

Comments

- ```
// 1. Wave Arm.
// 2. Wave Arm.
// 3. Wave Arm.
// 4. Wave Arm.
// 5. Wave Arm.
// 6. Wave Arm.
// 7. Wave Arm.
// 8. Wave Arm.
// 9. Wave Arm.
// 10. Wave Arm.
// 11. End the program.
```





# Program flow control with loops

Now, suppose your objective is to wave the arm 50 times...

... or 100 times...

... or 1,000 times...

... or 12,345 times...

You could copy-and-paste lines of code, but it would take a very long time...

There has got to be a better way!

**(And there is!)**

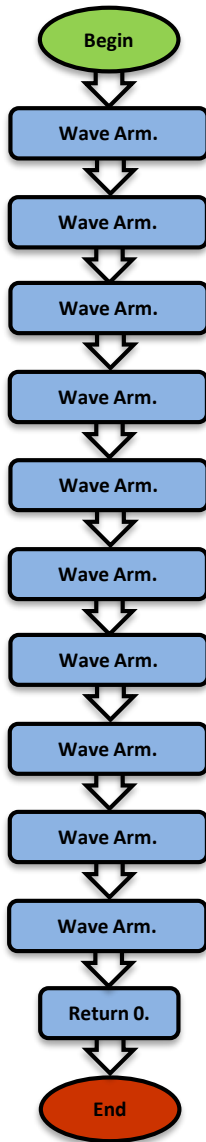


# Program flow control with loops

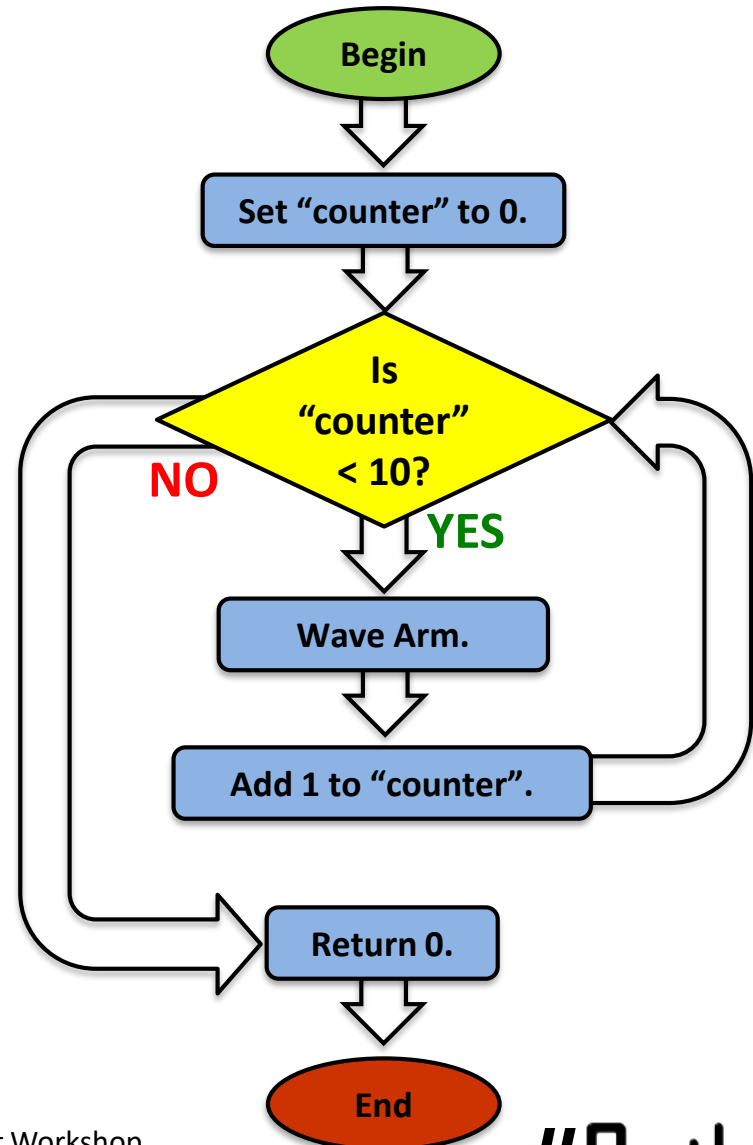
- What if we want to *repeat* the same **block of code** many times?
- We can do this using a **loop**, which controls the **flow** of the program by repeating a **block of code**.



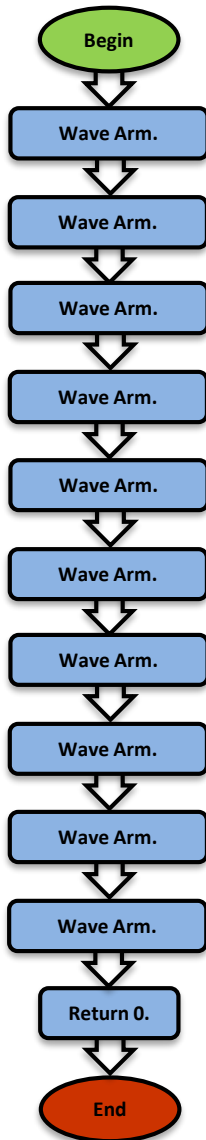
# Program flow control with loops



— VS —

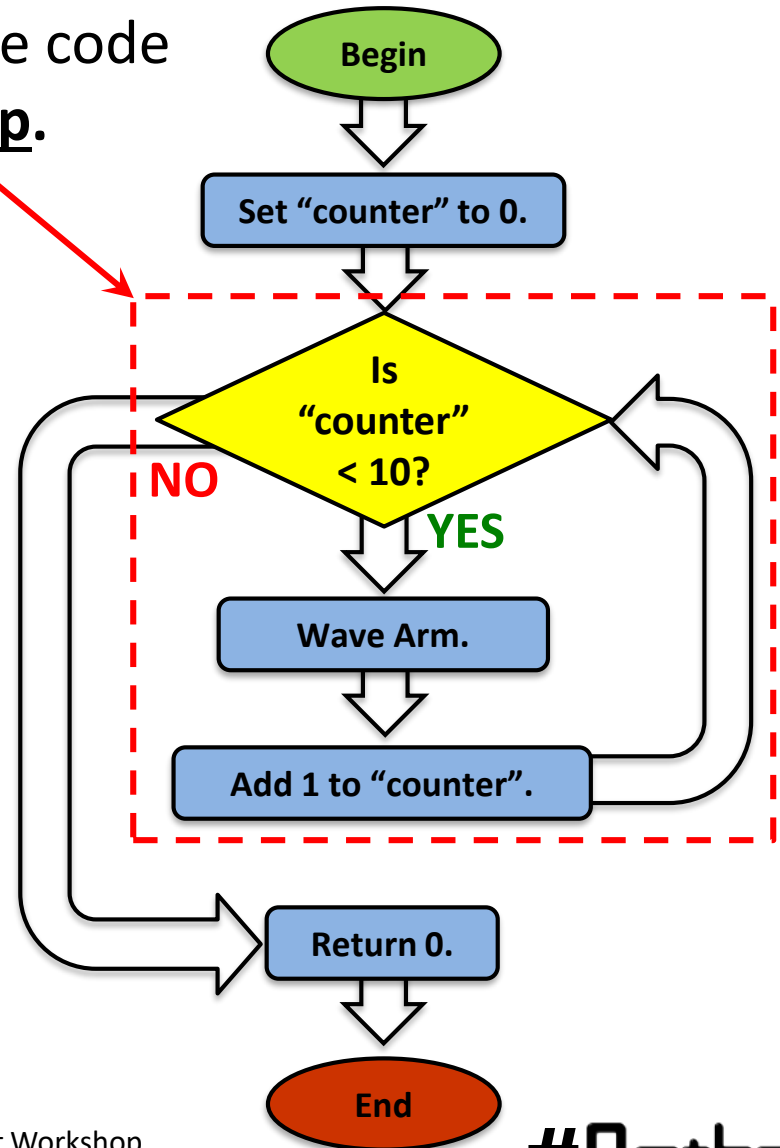


# Program flow control with loops



This part of the code is the loop.

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# while loops

The **while** loop checks to see if a **Boolean test** is **true** or **false**...

- If the **test** is **true**, then the **while** loop **continues** to execute the **block of code** that *immediately* follows it.
- If the **test** is **false**, then the **while** loop **finishes**, and the line of code *after* the **block of code** is executed.

```
int main()
{
 while (Boolean test)
 {
 // Code to repeat ...
 }

 return 0;
}
```



# while loops

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- If the **test** is **false**, then the **while** loop **finishes**, and the line of code *after* the **block of code** is executed.

```
int main()
{
 while (Boolean test) ← Block Header
 { (no semicolon!)
 // Code to repeat ...
 }
 return 0;
}
```

Begin →

End →



# while and Boolean operators

The **Boolean test** in a **while** loop is asking a question:

Is this statement **true** or **false**?

- The **Boolean test** (question) often compares two values to one another using a **Boolean operator**, such as:
  - **==** Equal to (NOTE: two equal signs, not one which is an assignment!)
  - **!=** Not equal to
  - **<** Less than
  - **>** Greater than
  - **<=** Less than or equal to
  - **>=** Greater than or equal to

# Boolean operators cheat sheet

| Boolean | English Question                        | True Example     | False Example |
|---------|-----------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| A == B  | Is A <b>equal to</b> B?                 | 5 == 5           | 5 == 4        |
| A != B  | Is A <b>not equal to</b> B?             | 5 != 4           | 5 != 5        |
| A < B   | Is A <b>less than</b> B?                | 4 < 5            | 5 < 4         |
| A > B   | Is A <b>greater than</b> B?             | 5 > 4            | 4 > 5         |
| A <= B  | Is A <b>less than or equal to</b> B?    | 4 <= 5<br>5 <= 5 | 6 <= 5        |
| A >= B  | Is A <b>greater than or equal to</b> B? | 5 >= 4<br>5 >= 5 | 5 >= 6        |



# Variables as Counters

- Remember that variables can be modified over time, so how could this be useful?
  - They can be used to help remember (or keep count) for us how many times something has been done (which can be useful for some loops).

```
int counter;
counter = 0;
// some code later
counter = counter + 1; // adding one to the counter
```

counter 0

The “trick” to understanding this is that the RIGHT side is done first which means *counter “is assigned” counter (currently 0) plus one (or 0 + 1)*

counter 1

# Draw a square using a loop

**Description:** Write a program for the KIPR Wallaby that drives the DemoBot along a path in the shape of a square *using loops*.

- **Hint:** modify your old square-drawing program to use a **while** loop.
- **Bonus:** use a **while** loop *and* functions!

**Analysis:** What is the program supposed to do?

## Pseudocode

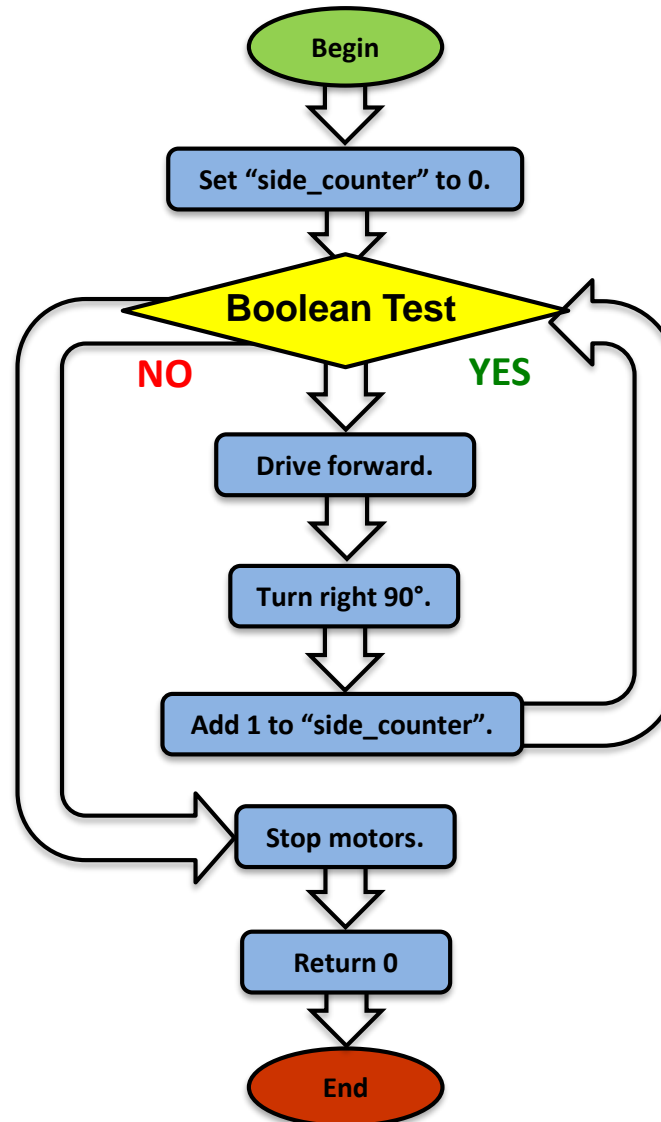
### Comments

|                                      |                                                      |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Set Variable "side_counter" to 0. | <code>// 1. Set Variable "side_counter" to 0.</code> |
| 2. Loop: Is "side_counter" < 4?      | <code>// 2. Loop: Is "side_counter" &lt; 4?</code>   |
| 1. Drive forward.                    | <code>// 2.1. Drive forward.</code>                  |
| 2. Turn right 90°.                   | <code>// 2.2. Turn right 90-degrees.</code>          |
| 3. Add 1 to "side_counter".          | <code>// 2.3. Add 1 to "side_counter".</code>        |
| 3. Stop motors.                      | <code>// 3. Stop motors.</code>                      |
| 4. End the program.                  | <code>// 4. End the program.</code>                  |



# Draw a square using a loop

## Analysis: Flowchart



Boolean Test  
"side\_counter" is < 4?

# Draw a square using a loop

## Solution:

### Comments

```
int main()
{
 // 1. Set "side_counter" to 4.
 // 2. Loop: Is "side_counter" < 4?
 // 2.1. Drive forward.
 // 2.2. Turn right 90-degrees.
 // 2.3. Add 1 to "side_counter".
 // 3. Stop motors.
 // 4. End the program.
}
```

### Source Code

```
int main()
{
 int side_counter = 0;
 while (side_counter < 4)
 {
 motor(0, 90);
 motor(2, 90);
 msleep(4000); // forward

 motor(0, 70);
 motor(2, -70);
 msleep(1500); //right turn

 side_counter = side_counter + 1;
 }

 ao();

 return 0;
}
```

# Draw a square using a loop

**Solution: Use a function!**

## Comments

```
int main()
{
 // 1. Set "side_counter" to 4.
 // 2. Loop: Is "side_counter" < 4?
 // 2.1. Drive forward.
 // 2.2. Turn right 90-degrees.
 // 2.3. Add 1 to "side_counter".
 // 3. Stop motors.
 // 4. End the program.
}
```

## Source Code

```
void drive_forward_and_turn_right();

int main()
{
 int side_counter = 0 ;

 while (side_counter < 4)
 {
 drive_forward_and_turn_right();

 side_counter = side_counter + 1;
 }

 ao();
 return 0;
}

void drive_forward_and_turn_right()
{
 motor(0, 90);
 motor(2, 90);
 msleep(4000);

 motor(0, 70);
 motor(2, -70);
 msleep(1500);

 ao();
}
```



# Move the servo arm using a loop

**Description:** Write a program for the KIPR Wallaby that moves the DemoBot servo arm from position 200 to 1800 in increments of 100.

- Remember to **enable the servos** at the beginning of your program, and **disable the servos** at the end of your program!

**Analysis:** What is the program supposed to do?

## Pseudocode

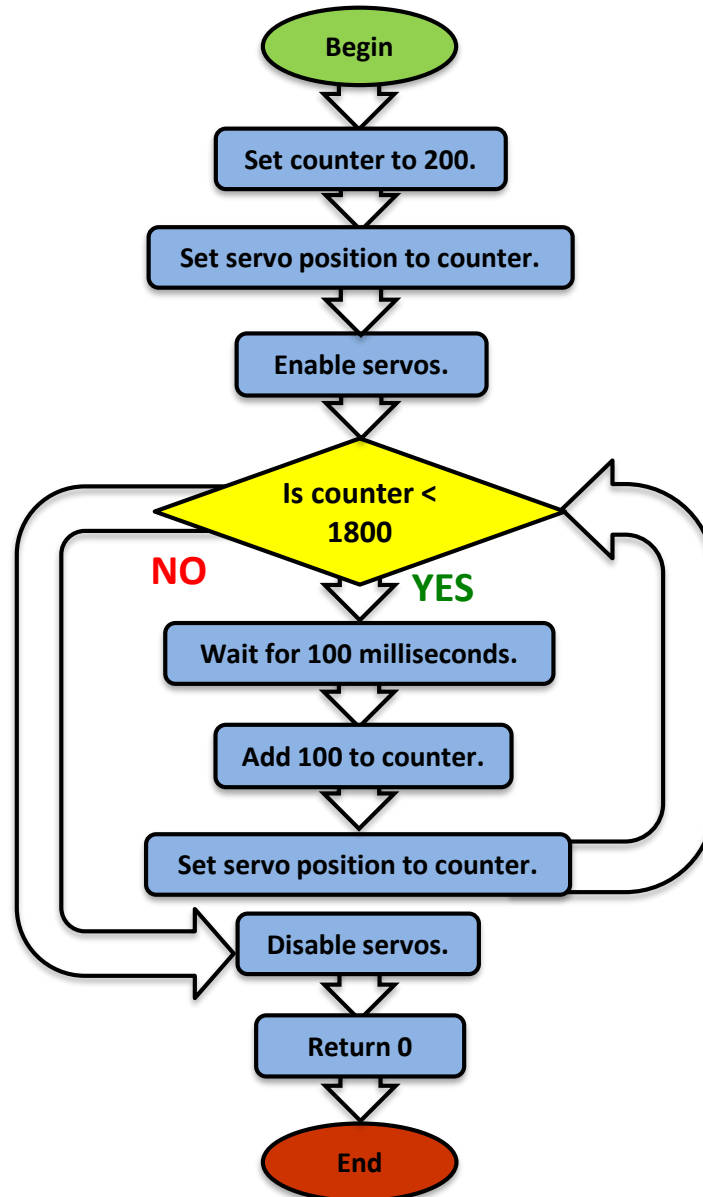
1. Set counter to 200.
2. Set servo position to counter.
3. Enable servos.
4. Loop: Is counter < 1800?
  1. Wait for 100 milliseconds.
  2. Add 100 to counter.
  3. Set servo position to counter.
5. Disable servos.
6. End the program.

## Comments

```
// 1. Set counter to 200
// 2. Set servo position to counter
// 3. Enable servos.
// 4. Loop: Is counter < 1800?
// 4.1. Wait for 100 milliseconds.
// 4.2. Add 100 to servo position.
// 4.3 Set servo position to counter.
// 5. Disable servos.
// 6. End the program.
```

# Move the servo arm using a loop

## Analysis: Flowchart



# Move the servo arm using a loop

## Solution:

### Comments

```
int main()
{
 // 1. Set counter to 200.
 // 2. Set servo position to counter.
 // 3. Enable servos.
 // 4. Loop: Is counter < 1800?
 // 4.1. Wait for 0.1 seconds.
 // 4.2. Add 100 to counter.
 // 4.3. Set servo position to counter.
 // 5. Disable servos.
 // 6. End the program.
}
```

### Source Code

```
int main()
{
 int counter = 200;

 set_servo_position(0, counter);

 enable_servos();

 while (counter < 1800)
 {
 msleep(100);
 counter = counter + 100;

 set_servo_position(0, counter);
 }
 msleep(100);

 disable_servos();

 return 0;
}
```



# Moving the iRobot *Create*: Part 1

## Setting up the *Create* The *Create* and the KIPR Wallaby *Create* functions



# Charging the *Create*

- For charging the **Create**, **use only the power supply which came with your *Create*.**
  - **Damage to the *Create* from using the wrong charger is easily detected and will void your warranty!**
- The **Create** power pack is a **nickel metal hydride battery**, so the rules for charging a battery for any electronic device apply.
  - Only an adult should charge the unit.
  - **Do NOT leave the unit unattended** while charging.
  - Charge in a cool, open area away from flammable materials.



# Enabling the battery of the *Create*

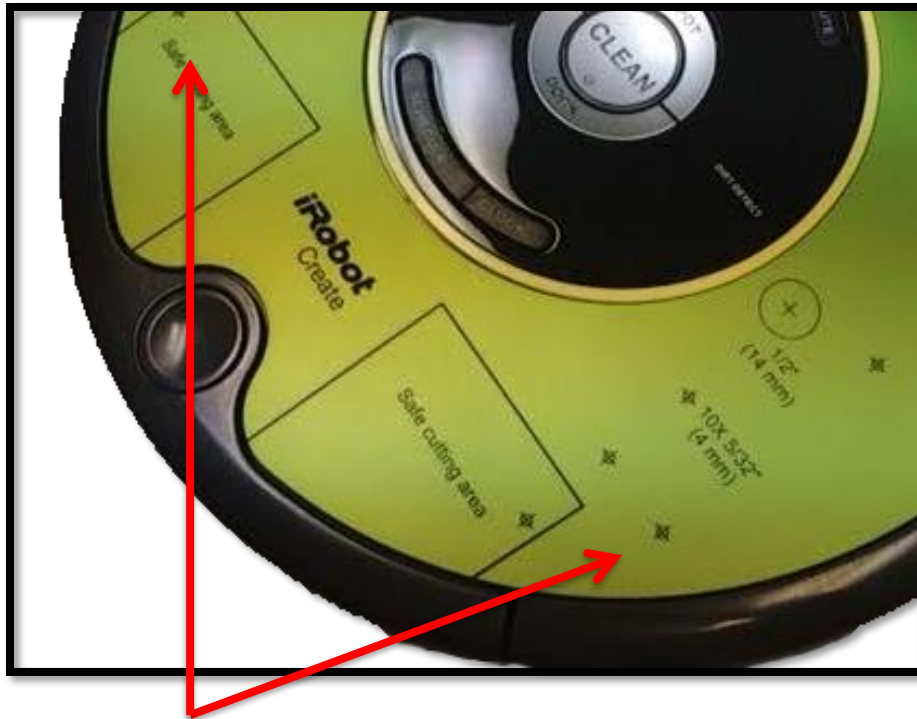
- The **yellow battery** tab pulls out of place on the bottom of the *Create*.
- The battery will be enabled as soon as the tab is removed.



Create  
Underside

# Uncovering and Charging the *Create*

- Remove the green protective tray from the top of the **Create**.
- Use only the **Create** charger provided with your kit.
- The **Create** docks onto the charging station.



Remove this



Serial Port



# Mounting the Robotics Controller onto the *Create*

Activity

## Build the Create DemoBot



# Create connect/disconnect functions

All programs used with the *Create*

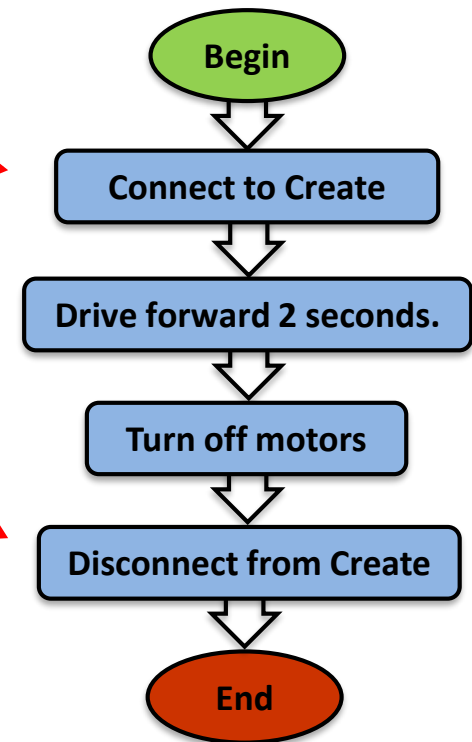
**MUST** start with

```
create_connect()
```

and end with

```
create_disconnect()
```

Flowchart





# Create motor functions

**Note:** Create commands run until a different motor command is received.

```
create_drive_direct(left speed, right speed);
```

↑  
Left Motor Speed  
(in mm/second)

↑  
Right Motor Speed  
(in mm/second)

## Examples:

```
create_drive_direct(100, 100); // Moves forward at 100 mm/sec.
```

```
create_drive_direct(-200, 200); // Create will turn left.
```

```
create_drive_direct(150, -150); // Create will turn right.
```

```
create_stop(); // Turns off the Create motors.
```

**WARNING:** the maximum speed for the *Create* motors is **500 mm/second = 0.5 m/second**.  
It can jump off a table in *less than one second!*

Use something like 200 for the speed (moderate speed) until teams get the hang of this.



# Using *Create* functions

```
int main()
{
 create_connect();
 create_drive_direct(200, 200);
 msleep(5000);
 create_stop();
 create_disconnect();
 return 0;
}
```

How far will the  
*Create* drive?



# Moving the *Create*

**Description:** Write a program for the KIPR Wallaby that drives the **Create** forward at 100 mm/second for four seconds, and then stops.

**Analysis:** What is the program supposed to do?

## Pseudocode

1. Connect to Create.
2. Drive forward at 100 mm/sec.
3. Wait for 4 seconds.
4. Stop motors.
5. Disconnect from Create.
6. End the program.

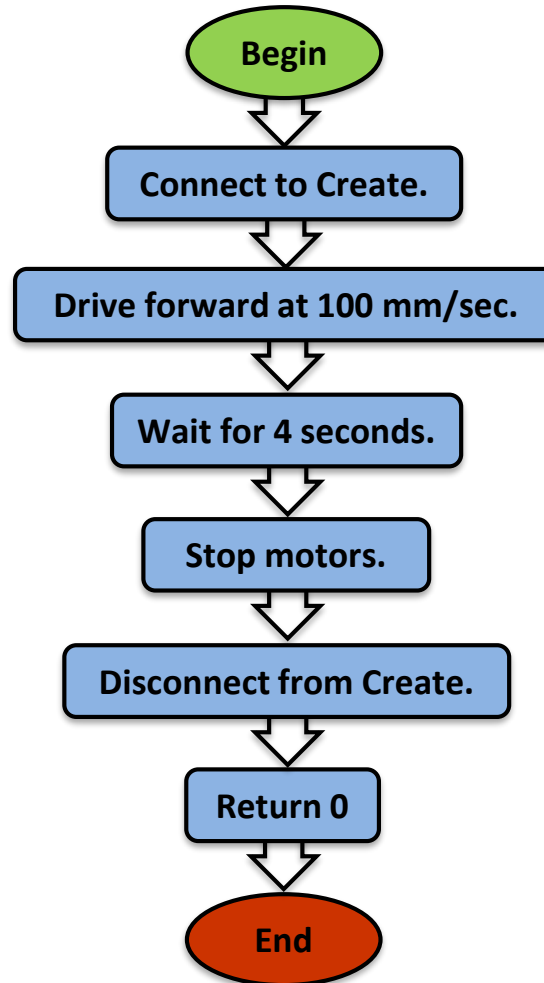
## Comments

```
// 1. Connect to Create.
// 2. Drive forward at 100 mm/sec.
// 3. Wait for 4 seconds.
// 4. Stop motors.
// 5. Disconnect from Create.
// 6. End the program.
```

# Moving the *Create*

## Analysis:

## Flowchart





# Moving the *Create*

## Solution:

### Comments

```
int main()
{
 // 1. Connect to Create.
 // 2. Drive forward at 100 mm/sec.
 // 3. Wait for 4 seconds.
 // 4. Stop motors.
 // 5. Disconnect from Create.
}
```

### Source Code

```
int main()
{
 create_connect();

 create_drive_direct(100, 100);

 msleep(4000);

 create_stop();

 create_disconnect();

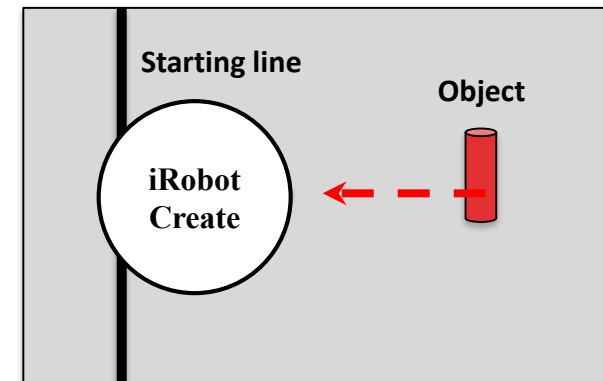
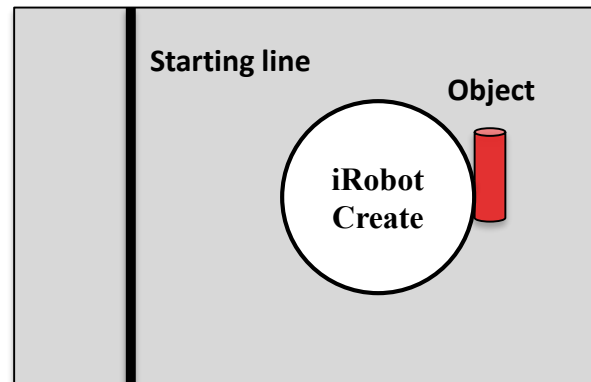
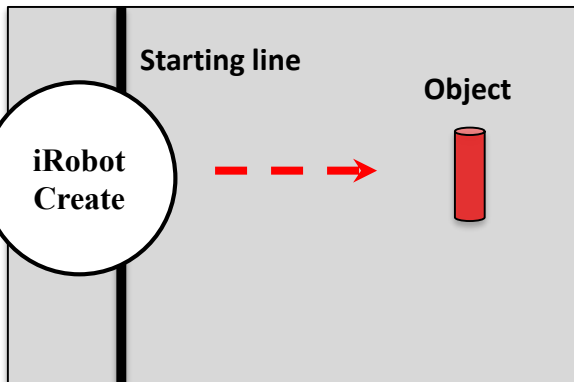
 return 0;
}
```

**Execution:** Compile and run your program on the KIPR Wallaby.

# Touch an object and “go home”

**Description:** Write a program for the KIPR Wallaby that drives the **Create** forward until it touches an object (or gets as close as it can), and then returns to its starting location (home).

- Move the object to various distances.





# Moving the iRobot *Create*: Part 2

*Create* distance and angle functions



# Create distance/angle functions

The *Create* has a built-in sensor that measures the **distance traveled** (in millimeters) and the **angle turned** (in degrees).

This is similar to the **motor position counter...** but *better!*

```
get_create_distance()
```

```
// Tells us the distance the Create has traveled in mm.
```

```
set_create_distance(0);
```

```
// Resets the Create distance traveled to 0 mm.
```

```
get_create_total_angle()
```

```
// Tells us the total angle the Create has turned in degrees.
```

```
// Positive angles are to the left. Negative angles are to the right.
```

```
set_create_total_angle(0);
```

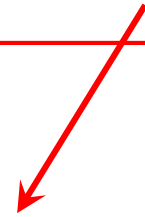
```
// Resets the Create angle turned to 0 degrees.
```



# Using *Create* distance functions

What does this say?

```
int main()
{
 create_connect();
 set_create_distance(0);
 while (get_create_distance() < 1000)
 {
 create_drive_direct(200, 200);
 }
 create_stop();
 create_disconnect();
 return 0;
}
```

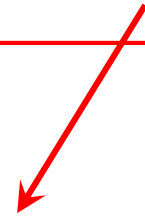




# Using *Create* angle functions

What does this say?

```
int main()
{
 create_connect();
 set_create_total_angle(0);
 while (get_create_total_angle() < 90)
 {
 create_drive_direct(-200, 200);
 }
 create_stop();
 create_disconnect();
 return 0;
}
```

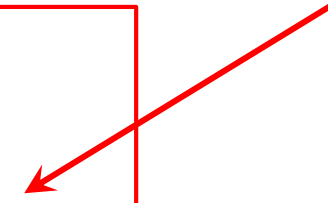




# Using *Create* angle functions

Positive angles  
are to the *left*  
(counter-clockwise).

```
int main()
{
 create_connect();
 set_create_total_angle(0);
 while (get_create_total_angle() < 90)
 {
 create_drive_direct(-200, 200);
 }
 create_stop();
 create_disconnect();
 return 0;
}
```





# Using *Create* angle functions

Negative angles are to the *right* (clockwise).

```
int main()
{
 create_connect();
 set_create_total_angle(0);
 while (get_create_total_angle() > -90)
 {
 create_drive_direct(200, -200);
 }
 create_stop();
 create_disconnect();
 return 0;
}
```

Notice:  
the signs changed!





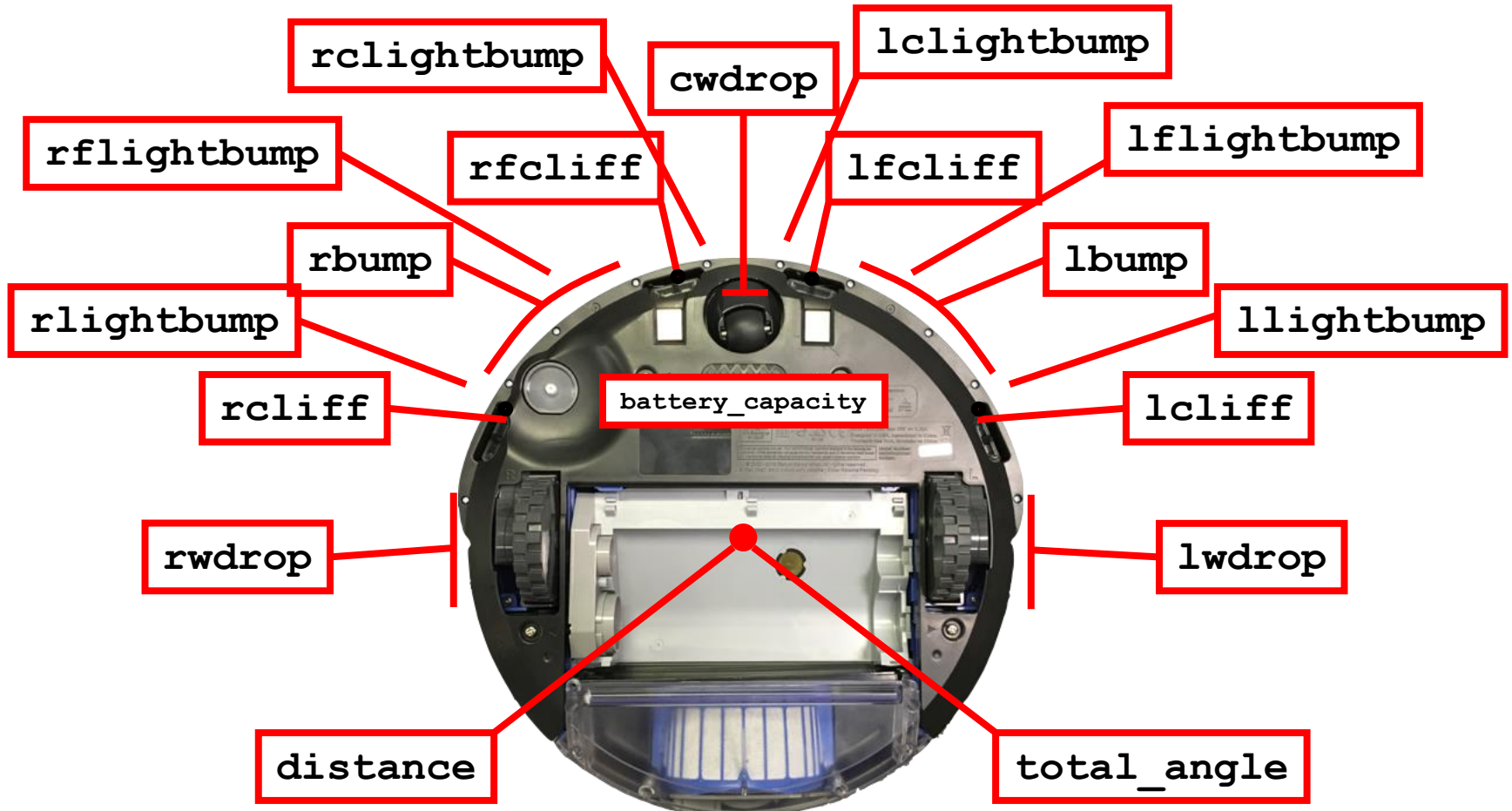
# iRobot *Create* Sensors

*Create* sensor functions

Logical operators

# Create sensor functions

To get *Create* sensor values, type `get_create_sensor()`, replacing *sensor* with the name of the sensor





# Create sensor functions

```
get_create_lbump()
get_create_rbump()
// Tells us if the Create left/right bumper is pressed.
// Like a digital touch sensor.

get_create_lwdrop()
get_create_rwdrop()
get_create_cwdrop()
// Tells us if the Create left/right/center wheel is dropped.
// Like a digital touch sensor.

get_create_lcliff()
get_create_lfcliff()
get_create_rcliff()
get_create_rfcliff()
// Tells us the Create left/left-front/right/right-front cliff sensor value.
// Like an analog reflectance sensor.

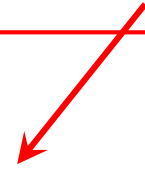
get_create_battery_capacity()
// Tells us the Create battery level (0-100).
```



# Using *Create* sensor functions

What does this say?

```
int main()
{
 create_connect();
 while (get_create_rbump() == 0)
 {
 create_drive_direct(100, 100);
 }
 create_stop();
 create_disconnect();
 return 0;
}
```





# Drive until bumped

**Description:** Write a program for the KIPR Wallaby that drives the *Create* forward until a bumper is pressed, and then stops.

**Analysis:** What is the program supposed to do?

## Pseudocode

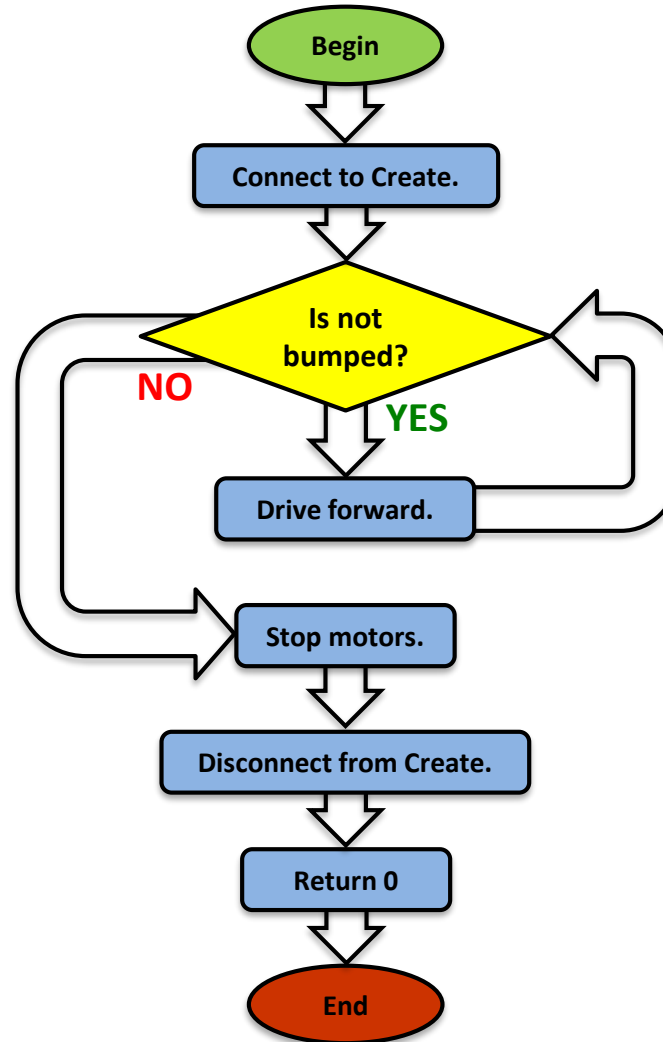
1. Connect to Create.
2. Loop: Is not bumped?
  1. Drive forward.
3. Stop motors.
4. Disconnect from Create.
5. End the program.

## Comments

```
// 1. Connect to Create.
// 2. Loop: Is not bumped?
// 2.1. Drive forward.
// 3. Stop motors.
// 4. Disconnect from Create.
// 5. End the program.
```

# Drive until bumped

## Analysis: Flowchart



# Drive until bumped

## Solution:

### Comments

```
int main()
{
 // 1. Connect to Create.
 // 2. Loop: Is not bumped?
 // 2.1. Drive forward.
 // 3. Stop motors.
 // 4. Disconnect from Create.
 // 5. End the program.
}
```

### Source Code

```
int main()
{
 create_connect();

 while (get_create_rbump() == 0)
 {
 create_drive_direct(200, 200);
 }

 create_stop();

 create_disconnect();

 return 0;
}
```



## Activity 4 (connections to the game)

Make the iRobot Create move forward in a straight line until it comes into contact with another object. Then have it make a 90° turn and again travel in a straight line for exactly 0.9 meters.





# LUNCH

Please take our survey to give feedback about the workshop:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LCYB7RY>



# Color Camera

Using the color camera

Setting the color tracking channels

About color tracking

Camera functions

# Color camera

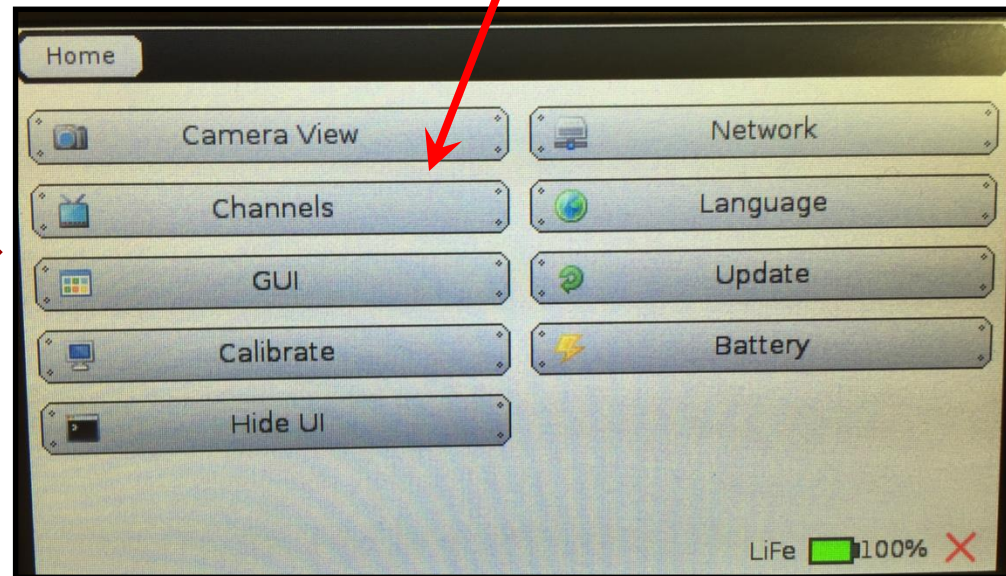
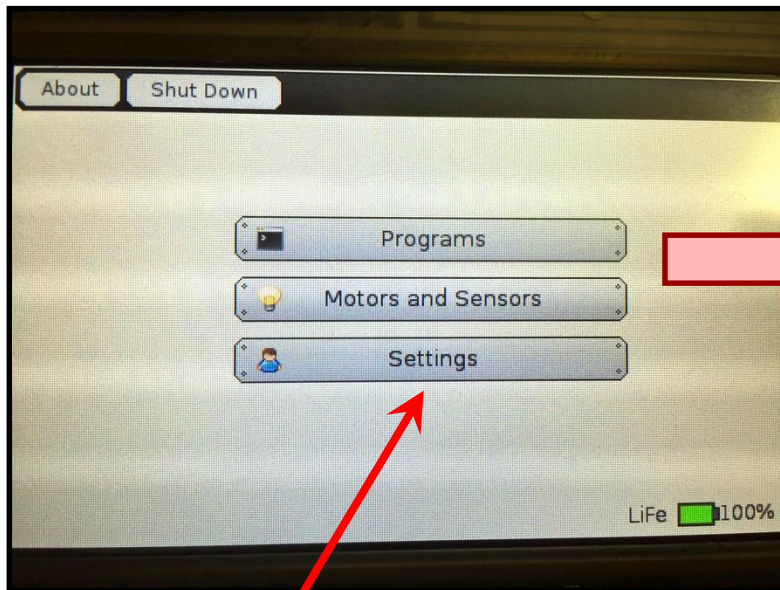
For this activity, you will need the **camera**.

- The camera plugs into one of the USB (type A) ports on the back of the Wallaby.
- **Warning:** Unplugging the camera while it is being accessed can freeze the Wallaby, requiring it to be rebooted.



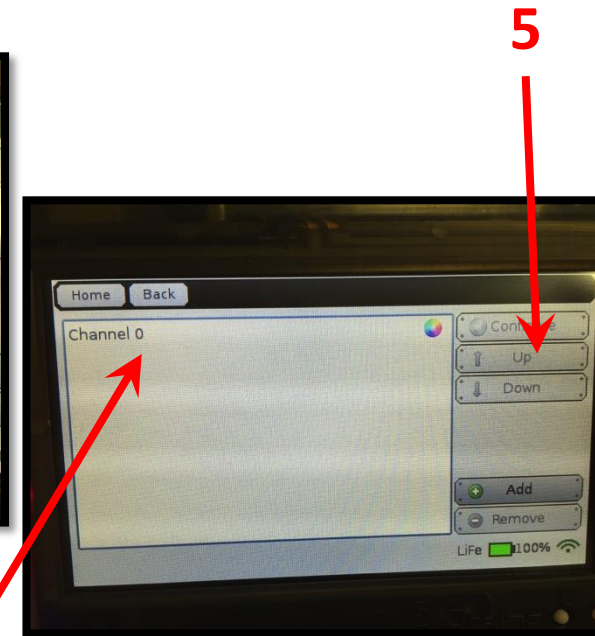
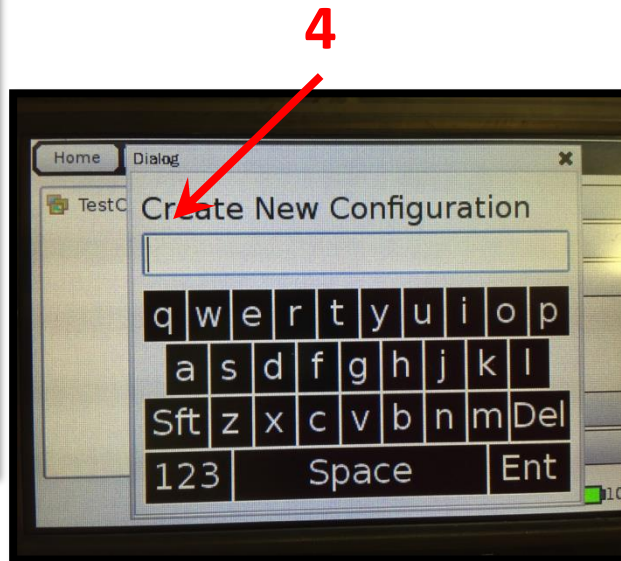
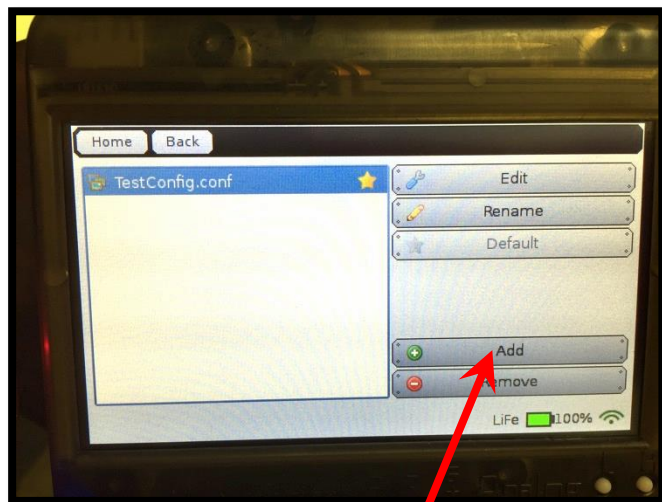
# Setting the color tracking channels

1. Select **Settings**
2. Select **Channels**



# Setting the color tracking channels

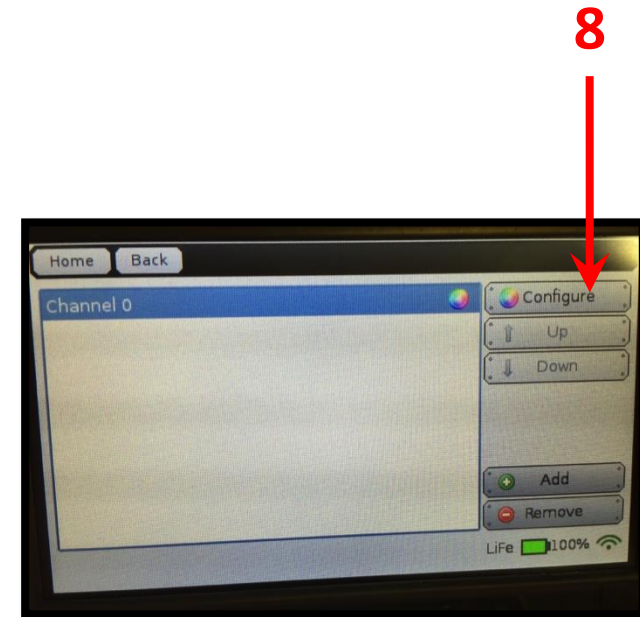
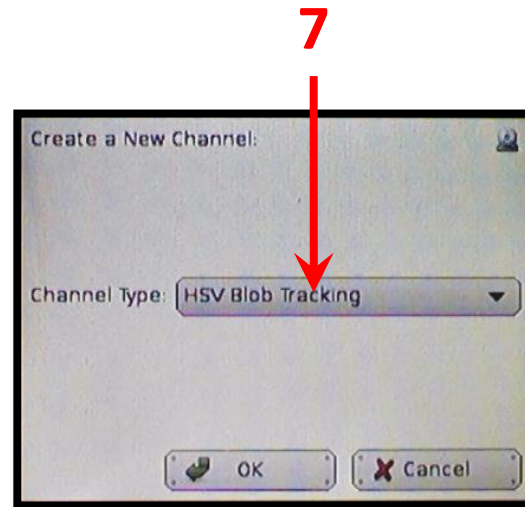
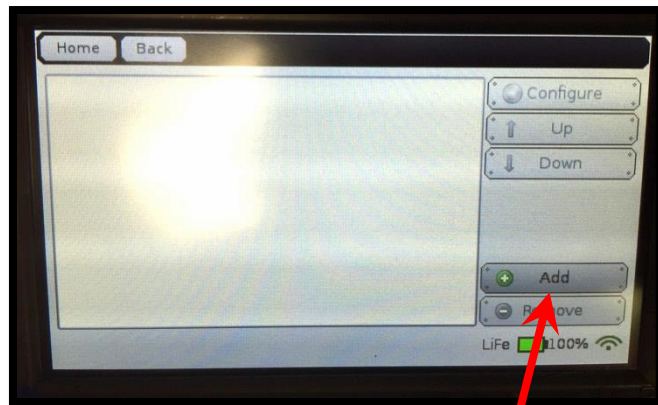
3. To specify a **camera configuration**, press the *Add* button.
4. Enter a configuration name, such as **find\_green**, then press the *Ent* button.
5. Highlight the new configuration and press the *Edit* button.



**Note: if there is more than one configuration, select one, and press the "Default" button to make it be the one in use!**

# Setting the color tracking channels

6. Press the *Add* button to add a channel to the configuration.
7. Select **HSV Blob Tracking**, then *OK* to make this track color.
8. Highlight the channel, then press *Configure* to edit settings.
  - The first channel is 0 by default. You can have up to four: **0**, **1**, **2**, and **3**.



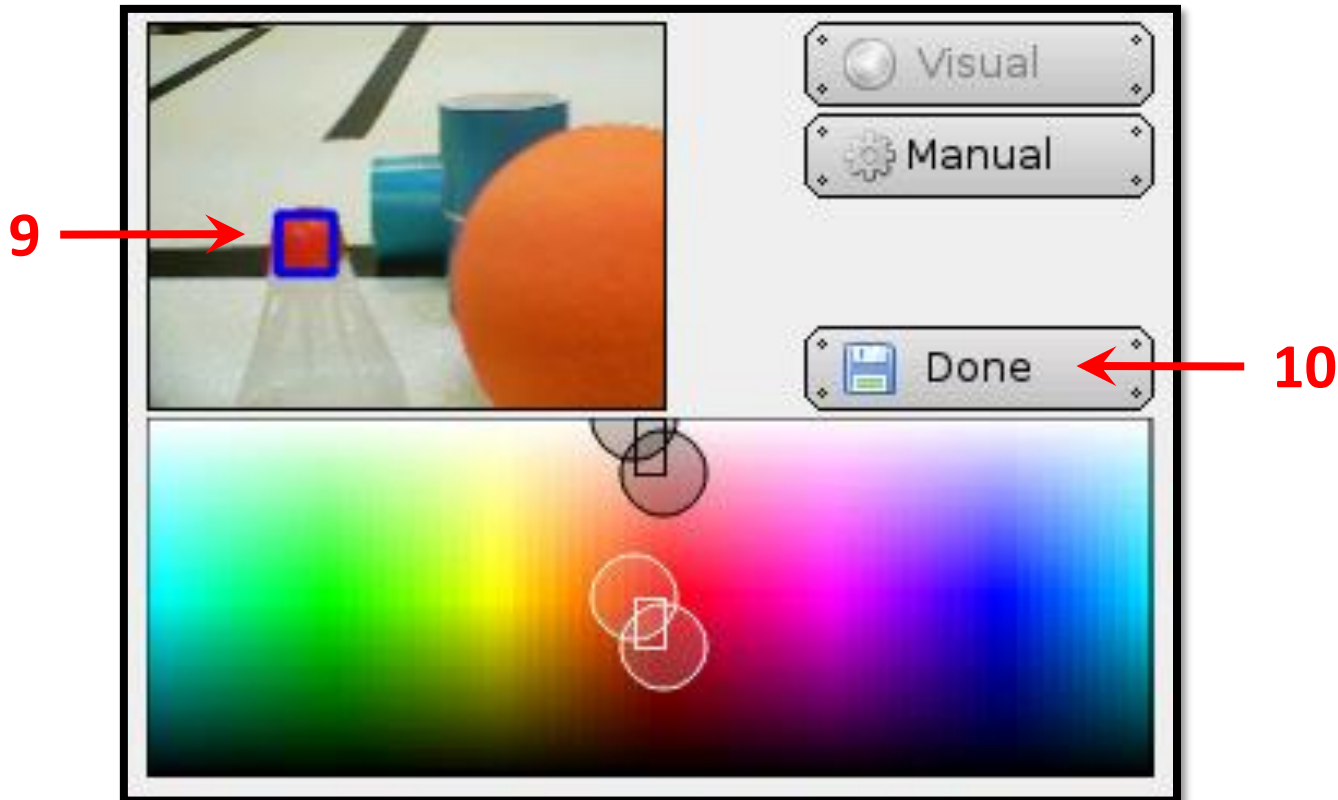
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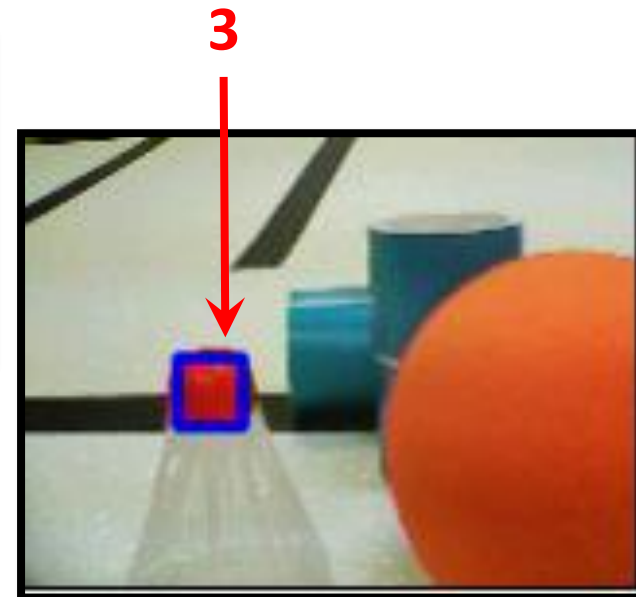
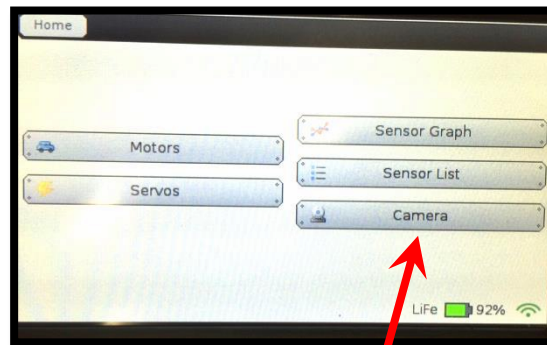
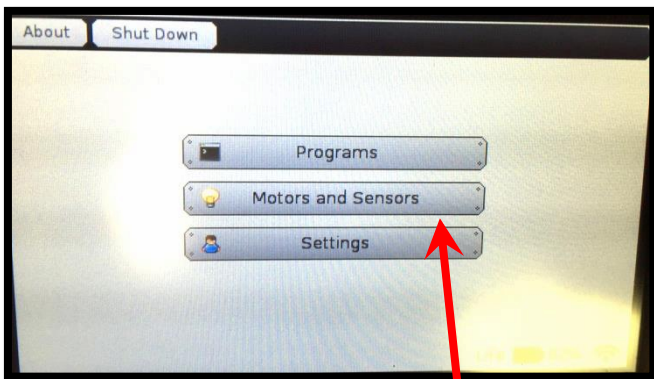
# Setting the color tracking channels

- Place the colored object you want to track in front of the camera and **touch the object on the screen**.
  - A bounding box (**dark blue**) will appear around the selected object.
- Press the *Done* button.



# Verify the color channel is working

1. From the **Home** screen, press *Motors and Sensors* button.
2. Press the *Camera* button.
3. Objects specified by the configuration should have a **bounding box**.

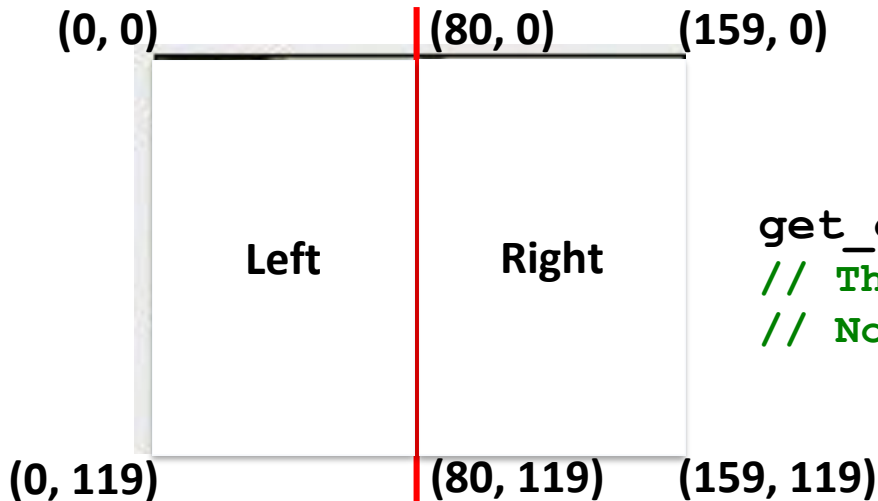






# Tracking the location of an object

- You can use the **position** of the object in relation to the **center x (column)** of the image to tell if it is to the **left** or **right**.
  - The image is **160 columns wide**, so the **center column (x-value)** is 80.
  - An **x-value** of 80 is straight ahead.
  - An **x-value** between 0 and 79 is to the **left**.
  - An **x-value** between 81 and 159 is to the **right**.
- You can also use the **position** of the object in relation to the **center y (row)** of the image to tell **how far away** it is.



**Object**  
0, 1, 2, ...  
(largest to smallest)

**Channel #**

```
get_object_center_x(0, 0);
// The x-value of the tracked object.
// Note: number between 0 and 159.
```



# Camera functions

```
camera_open_black();
// Opens the connection to the black camera.

camera_close();
// Closes the connection to the camera.

camera_update();
// Gets a new picture (image) from the camera and performs color tracking.

get_object_count(channel #)
// The number of objects being tracked on the specified color channel.

get_object_center_x(channel #, object #)
// The center x (column) coordinate value of the object # on the color channel.

get_object_center_y(channel #, object #)
// The center y (row) coordinate value of the object # on the color channel.
```



# Using camera functions

```
int main()
{
 camera_open_black();
 while (digital(8) == 0)
 {
 camera_update();
 if (get_object_count(0) == 0)
 {
 printf("No objects detected.\n");
 }
 else
 {
 if (get_object_center_x(0, 0) < 80)
 {
 printf("Object is on the left!\n");
 }
 else
 {
 printf("Object is on the right!\n");
 }
 }
 }
 camera_close();
 return 0;
}
```

What do these say?



## Activity 5 (connections to the game)

Calibrate and program the robot and camera combination so that it will turn on its axis in response to Botguy moving to the left or right in front of it.



# Logical Operators

*Multiple* Boolean tests

**while**, **if**, and Logical operators



# Logical operators

Recall the **Boolean test** for `while` loops and `if-else` conditionals...

```
while (Boolean test)
```

```
if (Boolean test)
```

- The **Boolean test** (conditional) can contain *multiple* Boolean tests combined using a “**Logical operator**”, such as:

- `&&`      And
- `||`      Or
- `!`        Not

We put parentheses ( and )  
around *each Boolean test*...

```
while ((Boolean test 1) && (Boolean test 2))
```

```
if ((Boolean test 1) || (!Boolean test 2))
```

- The next slide provides a cheat sheet for **Logical operators**.

# Logical operators cheat sheet

| Boolean                          | English Question                               | True Example                                                                                  | False Example                                                                                 |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A <b>&amp;&amp;</b> B            | Are <b>both</b> A <b>and</b> B true?           | true <b>&amp;&amp;</b> true                                                                   | true <b>&amp;&amp;</b> false<br>false <b>&amp;&amp;</b> true<br>false <b>&amp;&amp;</b> false |
| A <b>  </b> B                    | Is <b>at least one</b> of A <b>or</b> B true?  | true <b>  </b> true<br>false <b>  </b> true<br>true <b>  </b> false                           | false <b>  </b> false                                                                         |
| <b>!</b> (A <b>&amp;&amp;</b> B) | Is <b>at least one</b> of A <b>or</b> B false? | true <b>&amp;&amp;</b> false<br>false <b>&amp;&amp;</b> true<br>false <b>&amp;&amp;</b> false | true <b>&amp;&amp;</b> true                                                                   |
| <b>!</b> (A <b>  </b> B)         | Are <b>both</b> of A <b>and</b> B false?       | false <b>  </b> false                                                                         | true <b>  </b> true<br>false <b>  </b> true<br>true <b>  </b> false                           |

**!** negates the **true** or **false** Boolean test.



# while, if, and Logical operators examples

```
while ((get_create_lbump() == 0) && (get_create_rbump() == 0))
{
 // Code to execute ...
}
```

---

```
while ((digital(14) == 0) && (digital(15) == 0))
{
 // Code to repeat ...
}
```

---

```
if ((digital(12) == 1) || (digital(13) != 0))
{
 // Code to execute ...
}
```

---

```
if ((analog(3) < 512) || (digital(12) == 1))
{
 // Code to repeat ...
}
```





# Using Logical operators

What does this say?

```
int main()
{
 create_connect();
 while ((get_create_lbump() == 0) && (get_create_rbump() == 0))
 {
 create_drive_direct(100, 100);
 }
 create_stop();
 create_disconnect();
 return 0;
}
```



# Drive for distance or until bumped

**Description:** Write a program for the KIPR Wallaby that drives the *Create* forward for 1 meter or until a bumper is pressed, and then stops.

- How do we check for *distance traveled*? **Answer:** `get_create_distance() < 1000`
- How do we check for *bumper pressed*? **Answer:** `get_create_rbump() == 0`
- How do we check for that *both* are **true**?

**Answer:** `((get_create_distance()) < 1000) && (get_create_rbump() == 0)`

**Analysis:** What is the program supposed to do?

## Pseudocode

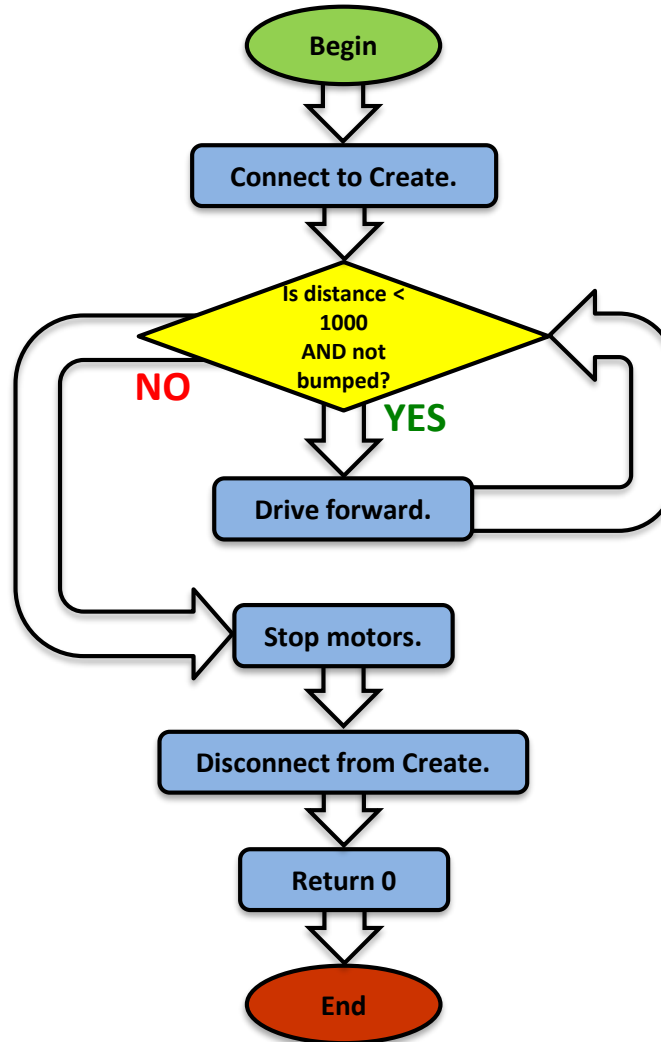
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2. Loop: Is distance < 1000 AND not bumped?
  1. Drive forward.
3. Stop motors.
4. Disconnect from Create.
5. End the program.

## Comments

```
// 1. Connect to Create.
// 2. Loop: Is distance < 1000 AND not bumped?
// 2.1. Drive forward.
// 3. Stop motors.
// 4. Disconnect from Create.
// 5. End the program.
```

# Drive for distance or until bumped

## Analysis: Flowchart



# Drive for distance or until bumped

## Solution:

### Pseudocode (Comments)

```
int main()
{
 // 1. Connect to Create.
 // 2. Loop: Is distance < 1000
 // AND not bumped?
 // 2.1. Drive forward.
 // 3. Stop motors.
 // 4. Disconnect from Create.
 // 5. End the program.
}
```

### Source Code

```
int main()
{
 // 1. Connect to Create.
 create_connect();

 // 2. Loop: Is distance < 1000 AND not bumped?
 while ((get_create_distance() < 1000) && (get_create_rbump() == 0))
 {
 // 2.1. Drive forward.
 create_drive_direct(200, 200);
 } // end while

 // 3. Stop motors.
 create_stop();

 // 4. Disconnect from Create.
 create_disconnect();

 // 5. End the program.
 return 0;
} // end main
```



# Drive for distance or until bumped

**Reflection:** What did you notice after you ran the program?

- What happens if the *Create right bumper* is pressed **before the Create travels a distance of 1 meter**?
- What happens if the *Create right bumper* is **not** pressed **before the Create travels a distance of 1 meter**?
- What happens if the *Create left bumper* is pressed instead?
- How could you **also** check to see if the *Create left bumper* is pressed? **Answer:**

```
while ((get_create_distance() < 1000) && (get_create_lbump() == 0) && (get_create_rbump() == 0))
```



# Mechanical Design

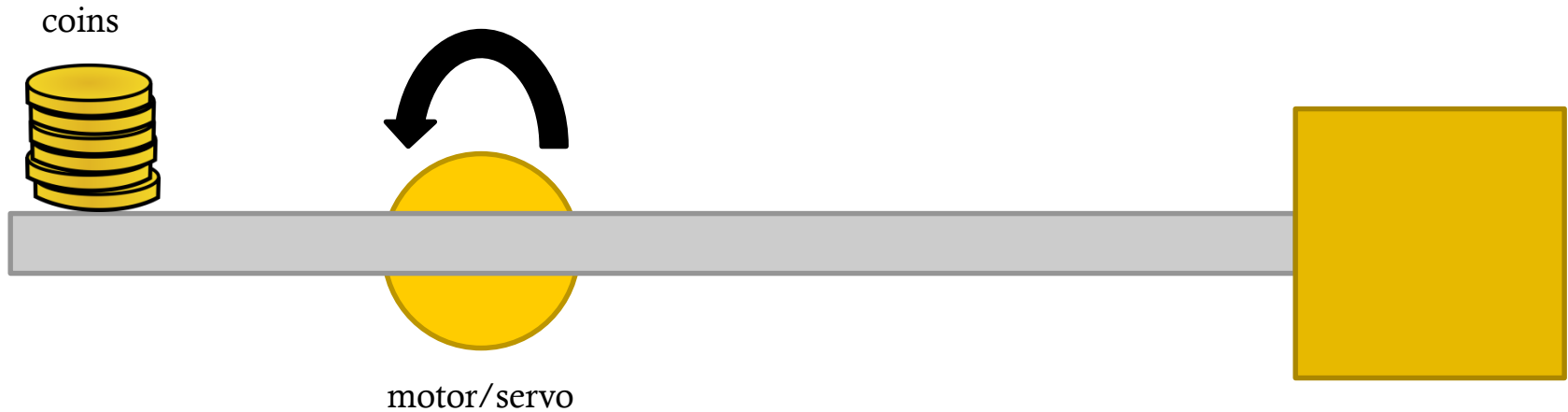
- At times you may have noticed that you solved problems not through modifying your code but rather by making changes to the mechanical design of your robot(s).
- The next couple slides provide some examples
- Additional resources may be found on the team home base and online
  - For example a great intro to Lego<sup>®</sup> technic design patterns can be found at:

<http://handyboard.com/oldhb/techdocs/artoflego.pdf>



# Counterbalance

- Motors and servos have limited power
- Struggling to lift a structure?
  - Use coins as a counterbalance

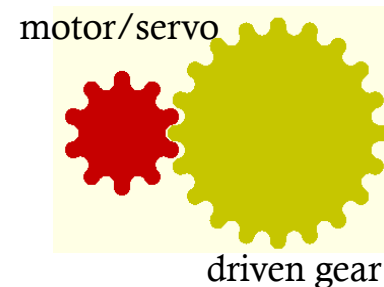
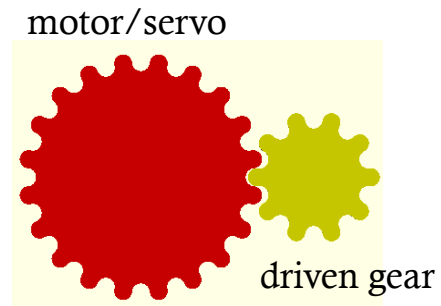




# Gearing and Gear Trains

By “combining” gears into a “gear train”, using gears of varying sizes you can INCREASE or DECREASE the speed and power (torque) of your motors!

- If your motor gear is **larger** than the next gear in the “gear train” the “driven gear” spins FASTER but at the expense of LESS torque (power).
- If your motor gear is **smaller** than your next gear in the “gear train” the “driven gear” spins SLOWER but with MORE torque (power).

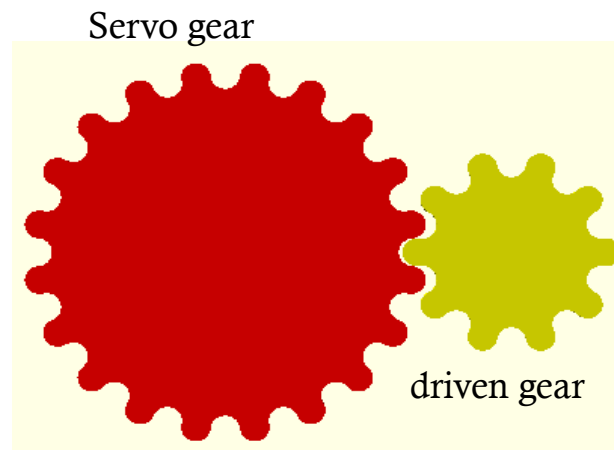






# Gears to Increase Servo Range

- If you attach a larger gear to your servo spline and the next gear in the “gear train” is smaller the range of the servo is increased
  - If the driven gear has  $\frac{1}{2}$  # of teeth as the servo gear you double (x2) the range of the servo (now 360 degrees instead of 180 degrees).





# Resources and Support

**Team Home Base**

**Remind, YAC, Community, PYR, and social media**

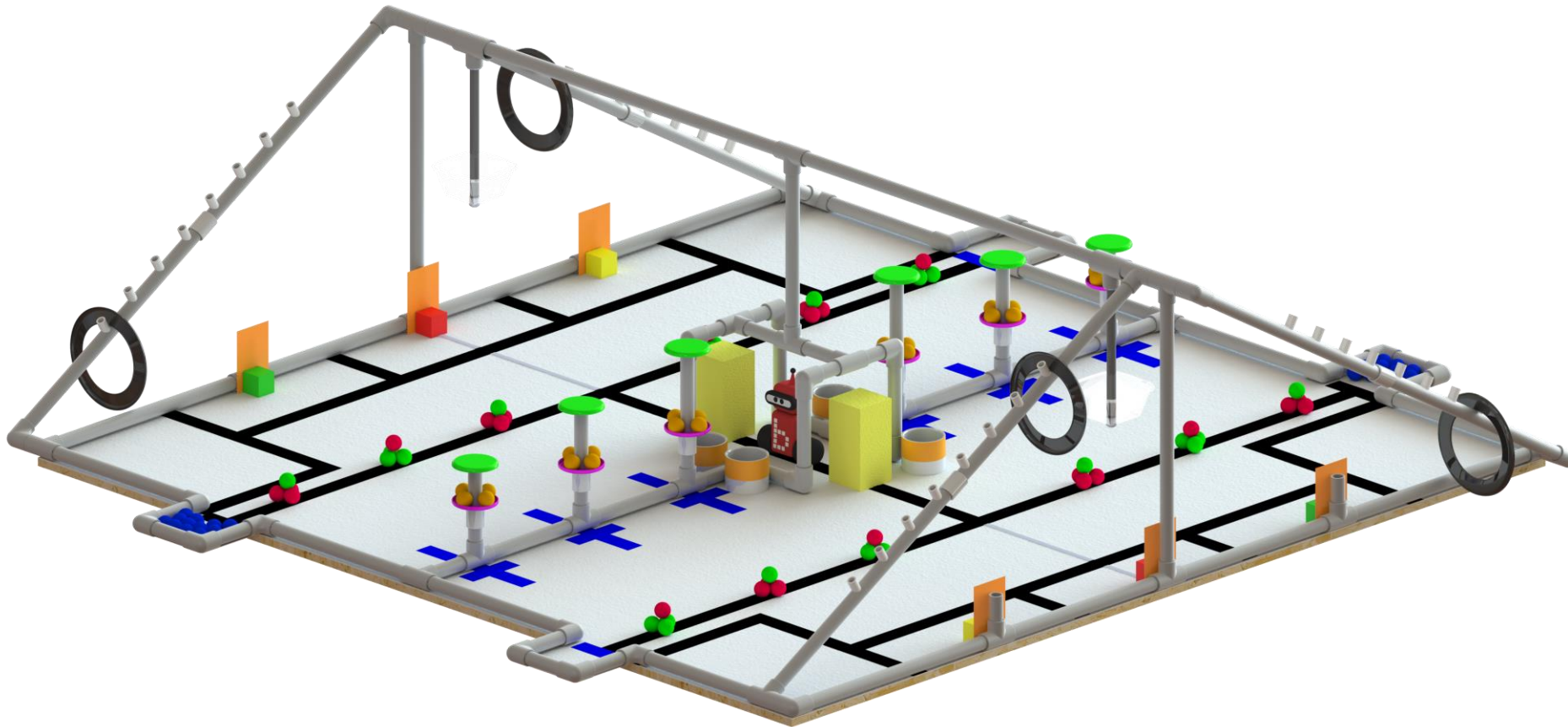
**T-shirts and awards**

**What to do after the workshop**



# Botball Team Home Base

Found at <http://homebase.kipr.org>





# Botball Team Home Base

## KIPR Support

- E-mail: [support@kiper.org](mailto:support@kiper.org)
- Phone: 405-579-4609
- Hours: M-F, 8:30am-5:00pm CT

## Forum and FAQ

- Site: <http://homebase.kiper.org>
- Content:
  - Documentation Manual and Examples
  - Presentation Rubric & Example Presentation
  - DemoBot Build Instructions & Parts List
  - Controller Getting Started Manual
  - Construction Examples
  - Hints for New Teams
  - Sensor & Motor Manual
  - Game Table Construction Documents
  - All 2018 Game Documents



# Botball Remind



<https://www.remind.com/join>

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- Greater Chicago: **@gcbot18**
- Greater DC: **@gdcbot18**
- Greater Los Angeles: **@glabot18**
- Greater San Diego: **@gsdbot18**
- Greater St. Louis: **@gstlbot18**
- Hawaii: **@hbotball18**
- New England: **@nebot18**
- New Mexico: **@nmbot18**
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- Northern California: **@nocalbot18**
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# Program Your Robot (PYR)

**P:Y:R**  
Program Your (Botball) Robot

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The banner features two Botball robot icons on the left and right. In the center, there is a photograph of a person working on a robot. To the right of the photo is a red vertical box with the text: 'Botball', 'Smart Robots. Cutting Edge Technology.', and 'Program in C'. Below the photo are small numbered icons 1, 2, and 3.

## Botball Programming

**PYR** Stands for **Program Your Robot**, and it is an online introductory course in programming Botball robots. It assumes you can download the programming environment from the Botball website without further instruction, but is meant for a novice at programming in C. It provides brief instructions on how to build a demo robot and building a sensor bumper for experiments with the code, but otherwise this site is about programming and the KISS-C Integrated Development Environment. Program Your Robot assumes you can find other sources for guidance in physical robot construction.

<https://botballprogramming.org>



# Social media

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**Botball Educational Robotics Program** shared Muscogee Nation News's photo.  
December 22, 2014 at 12:37pm · 🌐

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MCN to implement robotics educational program  
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Botball aimed at enhancing student STEM training  
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Dr. Miller writing code on his iPhone with the web-based KISS IDE. Getting ready for 2016 already!



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Botguy ❤️'s a good hug!



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# Botball T-shirts

<https://mnscustomapparel.com/products/official-2018-botball-tournament-tee>

\$12 to \$14 per shirt



## Notes:

- T-shirts are not provided.
- Teams may order shirts directly via the link above

If schools are using a purchase order please contact MNS Custom Apparel directly (service @ mnscustomapparel.com)



# Tournament awards





# Tournament awards

**There are a lot of opportunities for teams to win awards!**

- **Tournament Awards**
  - Outstanding Documentation
  - Seeding Rounds
  - Double Elimination
  - Overall (includes Documentation, Seeding, and Double Elimination)
- **Judges' Choice Awards (# of awards depends on # of teams)**
  - KISS Award
  - Spirit of Botball
  - Outstanding Engineering
  - Outstanding Software
  - Spirit
  - Outstanding Design/Strategy/Teamwork



# What to do after the workshop

## 1. Recruit team members.

If you haven't already recruited team members you can use the materials from the workshop to show to interested students.

## 2. Hit the ground running.

- Do not wait to get started—time is of the essence!
- You only have a limited build time before the tournament.
- The workshop will still be fresh in your mind if you start now.
- Plan on meeting sometime during the **first week** after the workshop.



# What to do after the workshop

## 3. Plan out the season.

- Students will not inherently know how to manage their time. Let's face it—it is difficult for many adults!
- Mark a calendar or make a Gantt chart with important dates:
  - 1st online documentation submission due
  - 2nd online documentation submission due
  - 3rd online documentation submission due
  - Tournament date
- Set dates and schedules for team meetings.
- Plan on meeting a **minimum** of 4 hours per week.



# What to do after the workshop

## 4. Build the game board.

- If you can't build the *full* game board, you can build  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the board.
- You could tape the outline of the board onto a floor if you have the right type of flooring.

## 4. Organize your Botball kit.

- Organized parts can lead to faster and easier construction of robots.

## 4. Understand the game.

- Go over this with your students on the first meeting after the workshop.



**Thanks and have a great season!**

```
} // end workshop
```

**Please take our survey to give feedback about the workshop:**

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LCYB7RY>**