

More Simple Arrays—Another Way to Initialize Variables





















Goals



- In this tutorial you will:
 - Learn how to edit a project
 - Learn another way to initialize variables
 - Create multiple variables in order to accomplish a challenge!
 - Learn more about rotating the satellite to face different directions
- Remember: Attitude describes the direction the satellite is facing





















More on Assigning Values to Variables



- There is more than one way to assign a value to a variable in the graphical editor
- So far you have assigned the values of an array individually, as shown on the right



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- Next we will show you how to assign the values of the array when the variable is declared. global variables
- But first we will show you how to edit a project so you can see that the two methods give the same results.















type: float name: attitude length: 3 initial value: 0, 0,







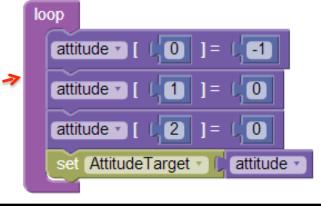
Open your Project



- Open the project you just created when learning about arrays. ("Project 3")
- If the project is not already open
 - Select Open Project from the IDE Menu
 - Click on "Project 3" and then "Select" to open the project
- You should see the project ___ shown here.























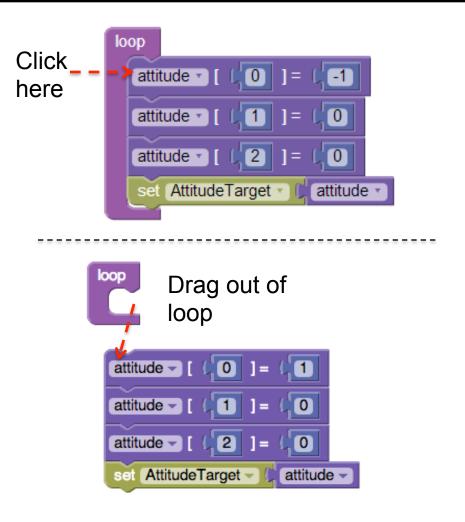




Edit your Project



- To remove a group of blocks from your loop:
 - Click on the topmost block in the group
 - Drag the group of blocks out of the loop.























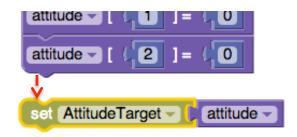
Edit your Project, cont.

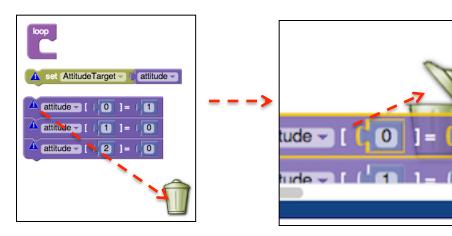


- To remove a single block from a group of blocks
 - Peel blocks off from the bottom
 - Save this block for later
- To delete a group of blocks:
 - Click on the topmost block in the group
 - Drag them into trash (watch for trash can lid to open)



Drag away from bottom

























Edit your Project, cont.



 Now you can drag the remaining "setAttitudeTarget" block back into the loop



 Your program should look like this:

























Initializing Arrays



- Go to the Init page
- When you created the array "attitude [3]" you entered:
 - "float"
 - "attitude"
 - "3"
- This time initialize the array here by typing in the values of the array into the initial value spaces
 - For the satellite to point in the positive x direction- type: -1,0,0
 - The first value sets [0]
 - The second value sets [1]
 - The third value sets [2]





directions:					
	+/- x direction	+/- y direction	+/- z direction		
set: [0] =	+/-1	0	0		
set: [1] =	0	+/-1	0		
set: [2] =	0	0	+/-1		

















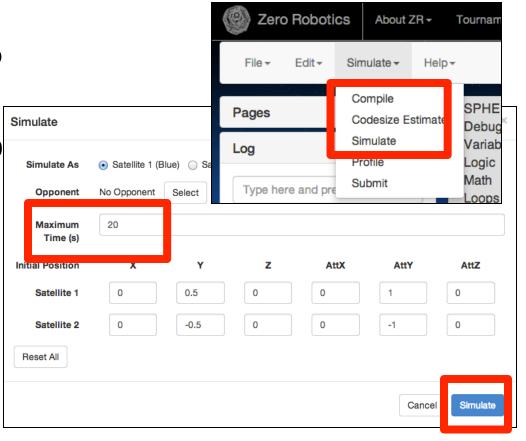




Compile, Simulate



- Compile, Simulate
- In the Simulation Settings pop-up box:
 - " "Maximum Time":
 - Change from 90 seconds to 20 seconds
- Click "Simulate" button
- View simulation
 - The SPHERE will rotate just as it did before when you set the values individually within the program
- Select "Back to Project" to return to the Graphical Editor























Look at your code



Here is your program with the array values initialized on the init page



```
1 void init() {
2   attitude[0] = -1;
3   attitude[1] = 0;
4   attitude[2] = 0;
5 }
```

```
1 void loop() {
2    api.setAttitudeTarget(attitude);
3 }
```

Compare to your program with the array values defined separately

```
attitude [ [ 0 ] = [-1 ] attitude [ 1 ] = [ 0 ] attitude [ 2 ] = [ 0 ] attitude [ 2 ] attitude [ 2 ] attitude [ 3 ]
```

```
1 void loop() {
2  attitude[0] = -1;
3  attitude[1] = 0;
4  attitude[2] = 0;
5  api.setAttitudeTarget(attitude);
6 }
```





















Declare Specific Pointing Direction Arrays



Next go to the Init page and delete the array attitude[3] by dragging it to trash

```
global variables

type: float name: attitude length: 3 initial value: -1, 0, 0
init
```

- On the next few slides you will create and name arrays for specific pointing directions
 - For example:

you will initialize one array with the name:

pointposx (to point in the positive x direction)

and initialize another array with the name

pointnegy (to **point** in the **negative y** direction)

This will make it easy for you to recognize and use your arrays





















Declare Specific Pointing Direction Arrays, continued



- First declare two separate arrays that point the SPHERE in +/-x direction
- For the +x direction create "pointposx" which will be initialized to:
 point in the positive x direction:
 - Select purple array initialization block
 - Type: select "float"
 - Name: "pointposx"
 - Length: 3 (=array size)
 - Set Initial value to: 1,0,0
- For the -x direction create "pointnegx" which will be initialized to: point in the negative x direction as follows:
 - Select purple array initialization block
 - Type: select "float"
 - Name: "pointnegx"
 - Length: 3
 - Set Initial value to: -1,0,0

To point the satellite in the following directions:			
	+/- x direction		
set: [0] =	+/-1		
set: [1] =	0		
set: [2] =	0		

```
global variables

type: float name: pointposx | ngth: 3 initial value: 1 0, 0

type: float name: pointnegx | ngth: 3 initial value: -1 0, 0

init
```





















Declare Specific Pointing Direction Arrays, continued



- Use the table as a guide and declare 4 more variables which point in the
 - +/-y directions (pointposy, pointnegy)
 - +/-z directions (pointposz, pointnegz)
- Remember:
 - Select purple array initialization block
 - Type: select "float"
 - Name: enter name
 - Length: 3 (=array size)
 - Set Initial value (as shown in the table)
- The +y direction should be initialized to: 0,1,0
- Can you figure out the rest?

To point the satellite in the following directions:					
	+/- x direction	+/- y direction	+/- z direction		
set: [0] =	+/-1	0	0		
set: [1] =	0	+/-1	0		
set: [2] =	0	0	+/-1		



















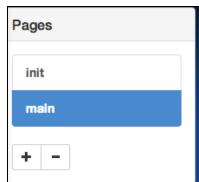


Declare Specific Pointing Direction Arrays, continued

loop



- Return to the **main** page
- Now in the "setAttitudeTarget" block you can choose the array which sends the satellite to any of the pointing directions



- Pick one and try it!
- Compile, simulate and view simulation.
 - Remember to use the zoom-in tool to look at the satellite
- Next you will use your new arrays to try to accomplish a challenge
- Click "Back to Project"















--Select--

pointnegx

pointnegy

pointnegz

pointposx

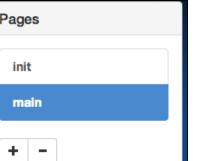
pointposy

pointposz

Select--







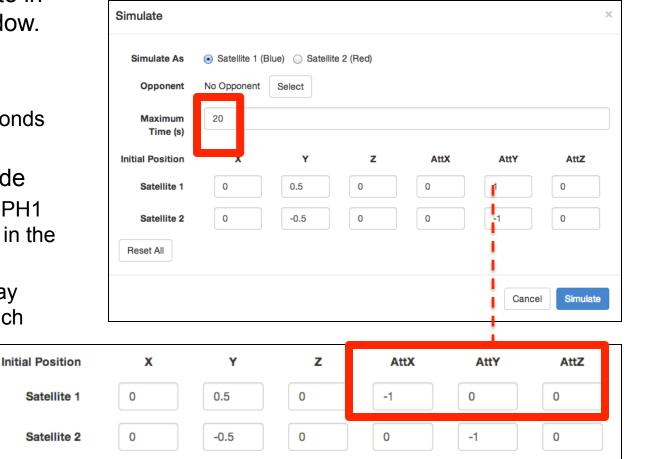
AttitudeTarget



Preparation for the Challenge



- First you will need to change the initial attitude of the satellite in the simulation setting window.
- Select Simulate
 - * "Maximum Time":
 - Change from 90 seconds to 20 seconds
 - *Initial Position and Attitude
 - For this challenge, SPH1 should start pointing in the negative x direction
 - Set SPH1 to (you may need to enter this each time!)
 - Attx = -1
 - Atty = 0
 - Attz = 0



















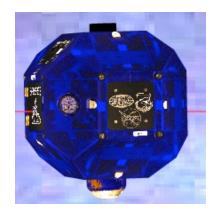


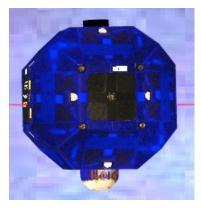


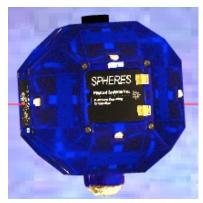
The Challenge

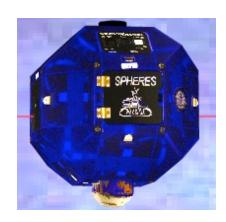


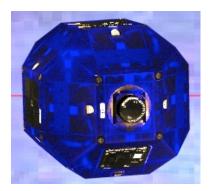
 Use your new arrays and try to rotate the satellite so that you can see all the different sides shown below.

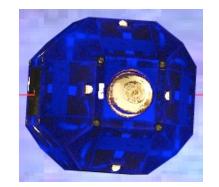


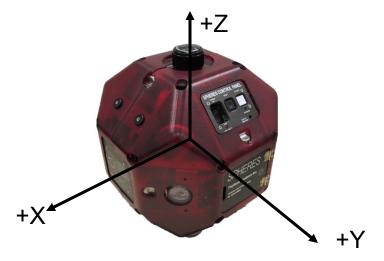






























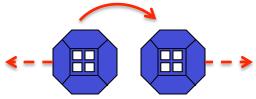


Rotating the Sphere

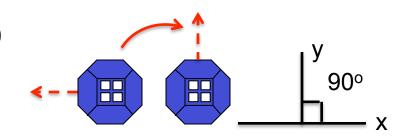


- If you completed the Challenge, congratulations!
- Here is another question for you:
 - Suppose you wanted to rotate the satellite 180 degrees?
 - How would you do that?
 - What if you wanted to rotate the satellite 90 degrees?
 - How would you do that?





90 degree rotation



















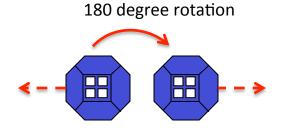




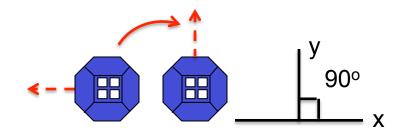
Rotating the Sphere, continued



- To rotate the satellite 180 degrees
 - Simply change the pointing direction from positive to negative or negative to positive
 - For example:
 - If the satellite starts pointing in the negative x direction
 - Then set the attitude target to pointposx
- To rotate the satellite 90 degrees
 - Change the pointing direction from the x axis to the y axis
 - For example:
 - If the satellite starts pointing in the negative x direction
 - Then set the attitude target to pointposy



90 degree rotation























Review



- Congratulations!
 - You know how to edit a project by deleting blocks, and deleting arrays
 - You have learned another way to assign values to your arrays
 - You learned more about rotating the satellite to face different directions
 - Maybe you even solved the Challenge!



