

The Raspberry Pi Single Board Computer (SBC)

3.2.4 Blockly

Variables and Basic Statements



- Blockly allows the creation of a program without entering any lines of code; it uses colored blocks.
- Blocks can be connected together by dragging and attaching the appropriate blocks.
- Creating a new variable in Blockly is a simple matter of dragging the variable block and filling in the value slot.

IF-THEN

Used to allow the code to make decisions.

FOR Loops

 Used to repeat the execution of a block of code for a specific number of times.

WHILE Loops

Used to execute a block of code while a condition is true.



3.2.5 Python on the Raspberry Pi

- Using Blocky to Learn Python
 - Blockly can be used to enhance Python understanding.
 - Beginners can create Blockly programs, convert them to Python and study the result.
- The Python Interpreter
 - The Python interpreter understands and executes Python code.
 - Python code can be created in any text editor and Python interpreters are available for many operating systems.
 - Python developers can create and deploy Python programs in practically any operating system.
 - When called with no arguments, the Python interpreter displays the ">>>" prompt and waits for commands; this is called interactive mode.

```
Python 3.4.2 (default, Oct 19 2014, 13:31:11)

Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>>
```



Python on the Raspberry Pi (cont'd)

- Variables and Basic Statements in Python
 - Variables are labeled memory areas used to store runtime program data.
 - To assign values to variables in Python, use the = (equal to) sign.
 - Python's interactive mode implements the special variable " ".

```
>>> tax = 12.5 / 100

>>> price = 100.50

>>> price * tax

12.5625

>>> price + _

113.0625

>>> round(_, 2)

113.06
```

- Useful Functions and Data Types in Python
 - Python supports many useful functions and data types such as range(), tuples, lists, sets, and dictionary

```
list1 = ['car', 'train', 47, 2016];
list2 = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 ];
print ('list1[0]: ', list1[0])
print ('list2[1:5]: ', list2[1:5])

When the above code is executed, it produces the following result -
list1[0]: car
list2[1:5]: [2, 3, 4, 5]
```



Python on the Raspberry Pi (cont'd)

- Importing Modules Into Your Code
 - Use the import <module> keyword to import pre-written code into your programs.
- IF THEN In Python
 - Allows the execution a block of code based on the result of an expression.
- FOR Loops in Python
 - Iterates through the items of any sequence
- WHILE Loops in Python
 - Executes a block of code while the expression is true
- Indentation is important in Python!

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- Cisco Support for Cybersecurity Professionals
 - DevNet
 - Cisco provides a beneficial community named DevNet.
 - DevNet is available to assist you in learning to code, use software and programs, and partner with others.
 - Webex Teams
 - Webex Teams is a cloud service that provides persistent chat,
 room-based collaboration, WebRTC video conferencing, and more.
 - Developers can create code that can be used to integrate specific solutions with Webex Teams via the Webex Teams REST API.
 - Webex Teams REST API can include automated Webex Teams messages based on real-world events that occur in a popular application/program

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3.2.6 Uses of the Raspberry

- Artificial Raspberry Pi Pancreas
 - Dana Lewis and her husband used a Raspberry Pi to build an artificial pancreas.
 - It was possible due to the Pi's small size and low power requirements.
- 4Borg Pi Robot
 - PiBorg is an affordable robot kit built around a Raspberry Pi.
 - It is both fun and educational.
- Controlling the Arduino Through the Pi
 - While the Pi is powerful, it may not be the best option for all projects.
 - The Pi doesn't include analog GPIO pins.
 - The Pi is not real-time.
 - The Pi's power requirements and size may be too large, depending on the application.
 - To adjust to these limitations, an Arduino may be used.



