

Lesson 8.3 - Ultrasonic & Infrared Obstacle Avoidance Demo

Simulation of this lesson can be found at <https://makecode.microbit.org/34159-52615-23509-28623>

Note: (Robot construction must be completed before this Step)

Goal for this lesson

Learn to use the Ultrasonic & Infrared sensors as an Obstacle avoidance system to control the Robot and produce a visual display on the Neopixel LED.

Hardware Required

- PC or Tablet
- 1 x micro USB cable
- 1 x Smart Robot with micro:bit & battery installed

Step 1 As per Figure 1

- Goto URL <https://makecode.microbit.org/#>
- Create “+New Project” & give it a name
- Press **Gear** symbol – top right
- Press Extensions
- Add repository found using link below.
https://github.com/AltronicsAUKits/Z6454-Robot-Kit-v2_KS0426
- On start up both “on start” & “forever” will be in your work space, move “forever” block below “on start” block.

Step 2 as per Figure 2

Moving forward we will only highlight the locations for the required modules to produce the desired code.

- We will be utilising the “Basic” Tab
- We will be utilising the “Logic” Tab
- We will be utilising the “Variables” Tab
- We will be utilising the “K_Bit” Tab
- We will be utilising the “Neopixel” Tab
- Download the code to the micro:bit

Expected Result!

- Insert the micro:bit into the robot & Power on.
- If the robot detects object on both obstacle sensors it will move backwards and the Neopixel will illuminate Red. Then turn left slightly.
- If the right obstacle sensor detects an object the robot will turn left slightly and the Neopixel will illuminate Purple.
- If the left obstacle sensor detects an object the robot will turn right and the Neopixel will illuminate Yellow.
- If the Ultrasonic sensor detects an obstacle at a distance ≤ 10 and there are no obstacles near the sensors the robot will turn right slightly.
- If the Ultrasonic sensor detects no object at a distance > 10 and there are no obstacles the robot will drive forward and the Neopixel will illuminate Green.
- If anyone the variables goes out of threshold the robot will return to it logic to find its next step.

Scan QR code for Lesson 8.3 Simulation

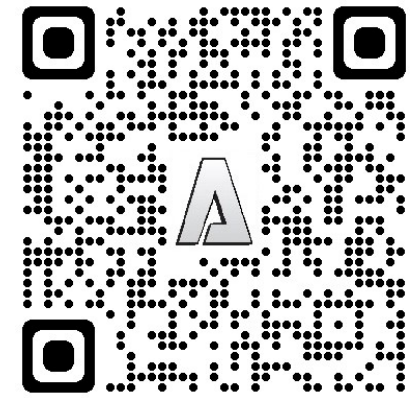
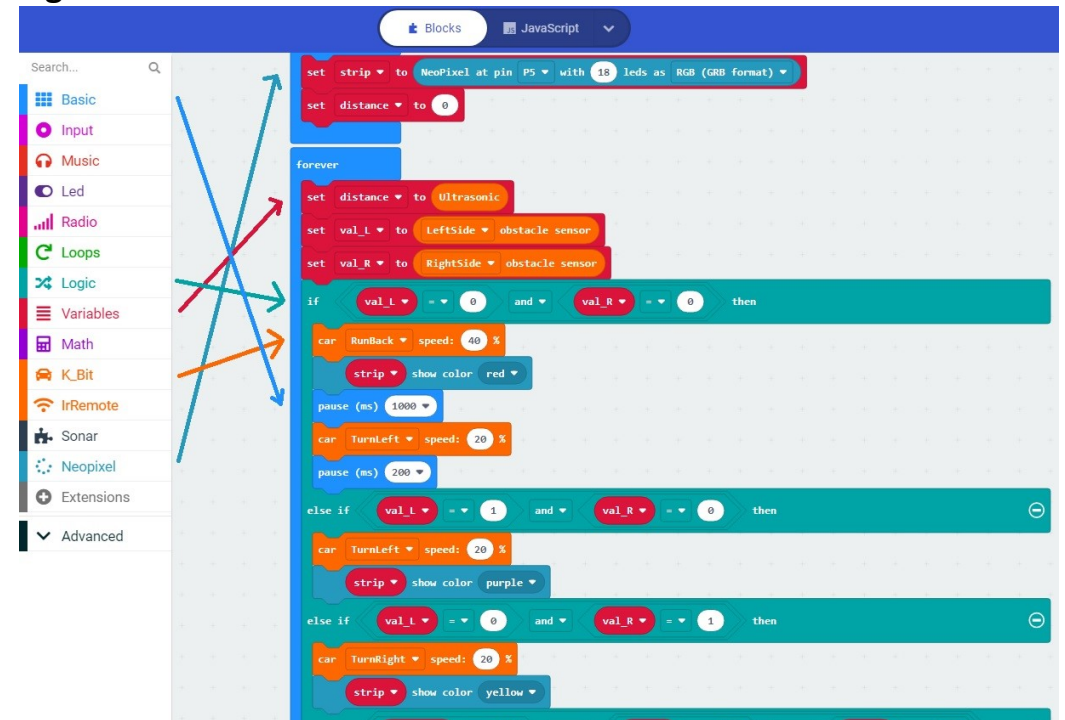


Figure 1



Figure 2



Example Ultrasonic & Infrared Obstacle Avoidance Demo can be found at <https://makecode.microbit.org/34159-52615-23509-28623>

STEM Smart Robot can be purchase from Altronics.
<https://www.altronics.com.au/p/z6454-stem-microbit-mini-smart-robot-car-v2.0/>