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1. Introduction

In coaching an FTC team¹, I found that students wanted to be effective coders but had trouble figuring out where to start. When they took online courses, they ended up learning a lot of things that weren't helpful for FTC. (or even usable) In addition, many of the online sources and even books teach bad habits. I started this as some slides for my team, but decided it would be better as a book that could be shared widely.

1.1. Hardware

1.1.1. Robot Controller

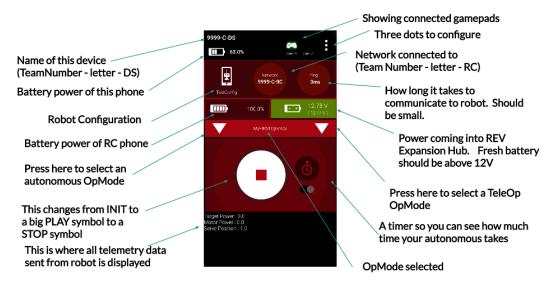
The robot controller is either an Android Phone or a REV Control Hub. It is the "brains" that are actually on your robot. We often abbrievate Robot Controller as "RC".

1.1.2. Programming Board

For this book, we have made a simple *Programming Board* that we can use throughout the book so that we all have the same hardware. For directions on how to make your own, see Appendix A

In addition, there is the driver station (a phone with 1 or 2 USB gamepads connected)., and a robot controller. The robot controller can be either a phone or a REV control Hub.

1.1.3. Driver Station



The driver station is an Android Phone with USB gamepads connected that are used during the game to drive the robot. Above is an example driver station with descriptions for everything on it. This changes some from year to year. We often abbreviate the Driver Station as DS.

¹Go Quantum Quacks - FTC #16072

1.2. Our first OpMode

1.2.1. What is an OpMode?

A little terminology before we get started.

class In Java all code is grouped together in classes. We'll discuss exactly what classes are later in chapter 6. For now, just know that a class groups like code together and in Java, each class is in its own file that is named the same as the class with .java at the end.

method A class can have methods which are code that is the smallest group of code that can be executed. It is like a function in some languages or a MyBlock in EV3-G. We'll talk more about this later in section 6.2.

package A directory in JAVA. Files in the same package have special privileges with each other. And yes, a package can have packages within it.

In FTC, An OpMode is a program for our robot. We can have multiple OpModes. They are all stored in the TeamCode package.

1.2.2. Parts of an OpMode

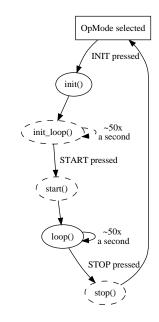
In FTC, An OpMode is a program for our robot. OpModes are required to have two methods:

- 1. init() This is run **once** when the driver presses INIT.
- 2. loop() This is run **repeatedly** after driver presses PLAY but before STOP.

In addition, there are three optional methods. These are less common but can be very useful.

- 1. init_loop() This is run **repeatedly** after driver presses INIT but before PLAY.
- 2. start () This is run **once** when the driver presses PLAY.
- 3. stop() This is run **once** when the driver presses STOP.

If you look over on the right, you'll see a diagram that explains roughly how it works. After stop() is executed it goes back to the top.



I know this seems like a lot of strangeness, but I promise it will make more sense as we continue.

1.2.3. Hello, World

Traditionally, the first program written in every programming language simply writes "Hello, World!" to the screen. But instead of writing to the robot's screen, we'll write to the screen on the Driver Station. (Throughout this book we will show the program in its entirety first, and then explain it afterwards. So if you see something that doesn't make sense, keep reading and hopefully it will be cleared up.)

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```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode;
2
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.OpMode;
3
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.TeleOp;
4
5
   @TeleOp()
6
7
   public class HelloWorld extends OpMode {
       @Override
8
       public void init() {
9
           telemetry.addData("Hello", "World");
10
11
12
       @Override
13
       public void loop() {
14
15
16
17
```

Here is a breakdown of what this program does.

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode;

import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.OpMode;
import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.TeleOp;
```

If you are working in Android Studio, you won't have to enter any of these lines as it will add them for you. Line 1 basically says where this file is located. 3 and 4 bring in code from the FTC SDK so we can use them.

```
6 @TeleOp()
```

This is **CRITICAL**. If you forget this line, it won't show up on the DriverStation as an OpMode to select from. Any line that starts with an @is called an Annotation. You can choose from <code>@Teleop()</code> or <code>@Autonomous()</code>. You can optionally give it a name and a group, but if you leave those off then it will use your class name as the name. This works well enough, so we'll typically leave those pieces out. Another annotation that you'll see commonly is <code>@Disabled</code> If you have that, then your code will compile but it won't be shown in the list of OpModes.²

```
public class HelloWorld extends OpMode {

17 }
```

public - means others can see it. Required for OpModes. We'll discuss this more in section 6.3.

class - means we are defining a class <name> should be the same as the filename. By convention, it should be started with a capital letter and each new word is a capital letter (Pascal case). We'll talk more about classes in chapter 6.

extends OpMode - This means the class is a child of OpMode . A child gets all of the behavior of its parent and then can add (or replace) functionality. We'll talk about what this means in chapter 14.

a class is defined from the opening curly brace "{" to the closing curly brace "}"

```
8 @Override
9 public void init() {
```

²Our team often does that for test code that we don't want to distract us during a tournament but is VERY helpful to have where we can make it available quickly.

```
telemetry.addData("Hello","World");
}
```

@Override tells the compiler that we are meaning to override (replace) functionality in our parent class. We'll talk more about this in chapter 14.

public means this method is callable from outside the class. We'll discuss this more in section 6.3

void means it doesn't return anything. We'll talk about return types in subsection 6.2.1 init is the name of a method. We'll talk more about methods in section 6.2

Inside of the parenthesis are any parameters passed in or none. (as in this case) We'll talk about parameters in subsection 6.2.2

The method is defined from the opening curly brace "{" to the closing curly brace "}"

telemetry.addData(caption, value); - This is very cool because it sends data back to the driver station which lets us debug problems. In this case we sent back a string, but you can also send back numbers from variables. You'll notice that this ends in a semi-colon ";" All statements in JAVA either end with a semi-colon or have a set of curly braces attached.

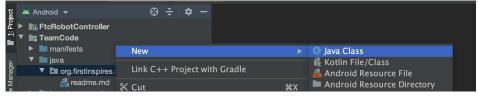
```
00verride
public void loop() {

| public | publi
```

This looks much the same, but we don't have any of our code in the loop() method, so the program won't do anything here.

1.3. Now you try

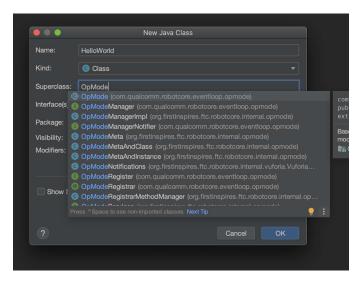
You'll learn the best here if you type in the examples (and you'll get faster at Android Studio). While this may seem like it slows you down, it helps you learn faster. To start, with change the project area to show "Android" (by using the dropdown.) If you are wondering why your Android Studio is white colored while mine is Dark, that is because I use the built-in theme "Darcula".



- 1. Right click on org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode
- 2. Select New > Java Class.

³To change your theme click File > Settings from the menu bar (or Android Studio > Preferences on macOS). Go to Appearance under Appearance and Behavior, and you'll see Theme.

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- 3. Fill in the name as HelloWorld
- 4. Fill in the Superclass as OpMode. (We'll explain what this means in chapter 14) As you type it in, it will show you the matches. When you select it, it will fill in as com.qualcomm.robotcore
- 5. Press "OK"

You'll get a file that will be like this:

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode;
import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.OpMode;

public class HelloWorld extends OpMode {
}
```

Make yours look like the HelloWorld.java file above. (You can start at line 6 and you'll watch it make the import statements as you type)

As you start typing, you'll notice that Android Studio is giving suggestions. You can either click on the one you want, or when it is at the top of the list then press tab.

This is the same pattern you'll follow for all OpModes in this book. (and in your robot)

1.4. Comments

So far our programs have been only for the computer. But it turns out that you can put things in them that are only for the human readers. You can (and should) add comments to the program which the computer ignores and are for human readers only. Comments should explain things that are not obvious from the code such as why something is being done. In general, comments should explain why and not what. Please don't just put in a comment what the code is doing.

Java supports two forms of comments:

1. A single line comment. It starts with a // and tells the computer to ignore the rest of the line.

```
// This is a comment
```

2. The block comment style. It starts with a /* and continues until a */ is encountered. This can cross multiple lines. Below are three examples.

```
/* This is also a comment */
/* So is this */
/*
 * And
 * this
 * as
 * well */
```

In addition, there is a subset of this type of comment called a javadoc that we'll talk about in chapter 15. This starts on a line with a /** and then goes until it sees */. This is used for automatically creating documentation from your comments.

```
/**
* This is a javadoc comment
*/
```

Here is what it looks like with comments added.

Listing 1.2: HelloWorldCommented.java

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode;
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.OpMode;
3
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.TeleOp;
5
   @TeleOp()
6
   public class HelloWorldCommented extends OpMode {
7
8
9
        * This is called when the driver presses INIT
        */
10
       @Override
11
       public void init() {
12
           // this sends to the driver station
13
           telemetry.addData("Hello", "World");
14
15
16
17
        * This is called repeatedly while OpMode is playing
18
19
       @Override
20
       public void loop() {
21
           // intentionally left blank
22
23
24
```

1.5. Sending to the Robot Controller

- 1. Make sure your phones are setup as it describes in the FTC document and that they can see each other.
- 2. Connect the Robot Controller to the computer.
- 3. Press the green play arrow next to the name of the device on the top toolbar.

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- 4. Wait until you hear the sound from the Robot Controller and the Driver Station.
- 5. Now press the right arrow on the driver station to see the list of TeleOp OpModes. (The arrow on the left shows the list of Autonomous OpModes)
- 6. Select HelloWorld, and then press the big INIT button.
- 7. You should see "Hello: World" in the area where the Telemetry data is reported.

1.6. Gotchas

If your program won't compile (or it doesn't do what you expect), here are a few things to check that often confuse people:

- The programming language is case sensitive. In other words, myVar is different than MyVar
- Whitespace (spaces, tabs, blank lines) is all collapsed to the equivalent of a single space. It is for the human reader only.
- Blocks of code are encapsulated with curly braces '{' and '}'
- Every open parenthesis ' (' must have a matching close parenthesis ') '
- Each program statement needs to end with a semicolon ';'. In general, this means that each line of your program will have a semicolon. Exceptions are:
 - Semicolons (like everything) are ignored in comments
 - Semicolons are not used after the end curly brace. '}'

1.7. Exercises

After you have done the exercise, send it to the robot controller to make sure it works.

There are sample solutions in Appendix B. However, you should struggle with them first and only look there when you are stuck. If you end up looking there, you should make up another exercise for yourself.

- 1. Change the code so that instead of saying "Hello: World" it says Hello and then your name.
- 2. Change the OpMode so it shows up in the Autonomous section of the Driver Station instead of the Teleop setion.

2. Variables and Data Types

A variable is a named location in memory where we can store information. We name variables starting with a lower case letter and then every word after that starts with a capital letter. For example: motorSpeed or gyroHeading. In Java, we specify what type of information we are storing. *Primitive datatypes* are types that are built-in to Java.

We must declare a variable before we can use it. Declaring a variable requires that we specify the type and name. It is always followed by a ; (semi-colon).

```
// datatype name
int teamNumber;
double motorSpeed;
boolean touchSensorPressed;
```

The above variable types are int, double, and boolean. (These are the three you'll use most often in FTC) We'll discuss these and the other primitive datatypes in the next section.

In Java, if you don't assign a value to a variable when you create it then it starts out being equal to 0. (or false for boolean)

To assign a value to a variable, you use the = operator like this:

```
teamNumber = 16072;
motorSpeed = 0.5;
touchSensorPressed = true;
```

You can assign a value to a variable multiple times and it will be equal to what you assigned it to most recently.

It's common to declare a variable and assign the value in one line!

For example, to assign 0.5 to a variable named motorSpeed of type double, we write:

```
double motorSpeed = 0.5;
```

2.1. Primitive Data Types

There are 8 primitive data types in Java:

- 1. byte- from the range -128 to 127
- 2. char for holding a single unicode character
- 3. short a smaller integer. (almost never used in FTC)
- 4. int this is short for integer. It is for numbers with no decimal. 1
- 5. long this is a larger integer. You can use it when you are concerned about running out of room in an int.²
- 6. float this is for floating point numbers. It is smaller than a double so we typically convert to a double.

¹It is also limited in the range from +2,147,483,647 to -2,147,483,648

²It is limited in the range from +9,223,372,036,854,775,807 to -9,223,372,036,854,775,808

- 7. double this is for floating point numbers. It can hold numbers with decimals.³
- 8. boolean this can be either true or false

In the code below, there are examples of the three most typical primitive types for FTC.

Listing 2.1: PrimitiveTypes.java

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode;
2
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.OpMode;
3
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.TeleOp;
4
   @TeleOp()
6
7
   public class PrimitiveTypes extends OpMode {
       @Override
8
9
       public void init() {
           int teamNumber = 16072;
10
           double motorSpeed = 0.5;
11
           boolean touchSensorPressed = true;
12
13
           telemetry.addData("Team Number", teamNumber);
14
           telemetry.addData("Motor Speed", motorSpeed);
15
           telemetry.addData("Touch Sensor", touchSensorPressed);
16
       }
17
18
       @Override
19
       public void loop() {
20
21
22
23
```

2.2. String

A String is for holding text. You might be wondering why it is capitalized when all of the other data types we have seen so far isn't. This is because String is really a class. We'll talk more about classes in chapter 6. You'll notice that the pattern here is similar with datatype variableName; or datatype variableName = initialValue;

In the code below, there is an example of using a String data type.

Listing 2.2: UseString.java

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode;
2
  import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.OpMode;
3
  import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.TeleOp;
4
5
  @TeleOp()
  public class UseString extends OpMode {
7
       @Override
8
       public void init() {
9
           String myName = "Alan Smith";
10
11
12
           telemetry.addData("Hello", myName);
13
```

³while technically it is limited, it is so large you can think of it as unlimited

2. Variables and Data Types

2.3. Exercises

- 1. Change the String to have your name instead of mine
- 2. Add a variable of type int that is called grade that has your grade in it. Use telemetry to send that to the driver station.

3. Using the gamepad

We can access the gamepads connected to the driver station from our OpMode. They are of the Gamepad class. We'll talk more about classes in chapter 6. Since there are two of them, they are called gamepad1 and gamepad2. The buttons on the gamepad are all boolean (true if they are pressed, false if they aren't). The joysticks are double with values between -1.0 and 1.0 (0.0 means in the center). There is one for each x (side to side) and one for each y(up and down). For strange reasons, up is negative and down is positive. The left trigger and right trigger are also double with values between 0.0 and 1.0 (0.0 means not pressed, 1.0 means fully pressed). To get to these we use variableName.memberName Below, we show what the memberNames are for all of the parts of the gamepad. In the image below, the ones that are bolded are double (Sometimes we call these analog and the ones that are binary - digital)



In the code below is an example of reading the Gamepad. The reason it is in loop() is because we want to update the telemetry as the gamepad changes.

Listing 3.1: GamepadOpMode.java

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode;
2
3
  import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.OpMode;
  import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.TeleOp;
4
  @TeleOp()
6
  public class GamepadOpMode extends OpMode {
7
       @Override
8
9
       public void init() {
10
11
       @Override
12
       public void loop() {
13
           telemetry.addData("Left stick x", gamepad1.left_stick_x);
           telemetry.addData("Left stick y", gamepad1.left_stick_y);
15
```

¹You might be wondering where these are declared. We'll talk about that in chapter 14

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```
telemetry.addData("A button", gamepadl.a);
}

telemetry.addData("A button", gamepadl.a);
}
```

3.1. Exercises

- 1. Add telemetry to show the right stick of ${\tt gamepad1}.$
- 2. Add telemetry to show whether the $b\ button$ is pressed on ${\tt gamepad1}$

4. Basic Math

In the last chapter, we talked about how to read a gamepad. You probably noticed that reading the joystick gave us a number. Once something is a number, we own it. We can do any kind of math to it to get what we wanted. Below are some of the most common operators.

Math	Meaning	
Operator		
=	assignment operator	
+	addition operator	
_	subtraction operator AND negative operator (So saying -x is the	
	same thing as saying $(0 - x)$	
*	multiplication operator	
/	division operator - be aware that if you are using integers only the	
	whole part is kept. It is NOT rounded. For example: $5 / 2 == 2$	
%	modulo operator - This gives the remainder. For example: 5 % 2	
	== 1	
(and)	These are parenthesis and they allow you to specify the order of	
	operations just like in regular math. You can use these to tell the	
	difference between 5 - 3 * (4 + 2) or 5 - (3 * 4) + 2	

Below is an example of how we might set the speed forward we want to go based off of the joystick. In this case we are limiting our speed from -0.5 to 0.5 and doing it backwards of the joystick.

Listing 4.1: MathOpMode.java

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode;
1
  import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.OpMode;
3
  import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.TeleOp;
4
5
  @TeleOp()
6
  public class MathOpMode extends OpMode {
7
       @Override
8
       public void init() {
9
10
       @Override
12
       public void loop() {
13
           double speedForward = -gamepad1.left_stick_y / 2.0;
14
           telemetry.addData("Left stick y", gamepad1.left_stick_y);
15
           telemetry.addData("speed Forward", speedForward);
16
17
18
```

The first thing we do is create a new variable and assign to it from another variable using math.

```
double speedForward = -gamepad1.left_stick_y / 2.0;
```

You'll notice that then we can send that variable directly using telemetry

telemetry.addData("speed Forward", speedForward);

4.1. Other assignment operators

There are some shortcuts where you can combine a math operator and an assignment operator. Below are some of the most common.

Operator	Meaning	Example
++	increment	x++ means the same as $x = x + 1$
_	decrement	x means the same as $x = x - 1$
+=	Add and	x += 2 means the same as $x = x + 2$
	assignment	
*=	Multiply and	$x \neq 2$ means the same as $x = x \neq 2$
	assignment	
/=	divide and	$x \neq 2$ means the same as $x = x \neq 2$
	assignment	
%=	modulo and	x % = 2 means the same as $x = x % 2$
	assignment	

4.2. Exercises

- 1. Report to the user the difference between the left joystick y and the right joystick y.
- 2. Report to the user the sum of the left and right triggers.

5. Making decisions

5.1. If

So far all of our programs have executed all of the code. Control structures allow you to change which code is executed and even to execute code multiple times.

The if statement is the first control structure. Here is an example of a program using it:

Listing 5.1: IfOpMode.java

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode;
2
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.OpMode;
3
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.TeleOp;
5
   @TeleOp()
6
   public class IfOpMode extends OpMode {
7
       @Override
8
       public void init() {
9
10
11
       @Override
12
       public void loop() {
13
            if (gamepad1.left_stick_y < 0) {</pre>
14
                telemetry.addData("Left stick", " is negative");
15
16
17
           telemetry.addData("Left stick y", gamepad1.left_stick_y);
18
19
20
```

Can you figure out what this is doing?

if clauses start with if (conditionalExpression). It then has either a single statement or a block of code. A block of code starts with an open curly brace {, then it has 0 or more statement, and then a close curly brace }. I **strongly** recommend always using a block of code instead of a single statement. The code in the block is *only* executed if the conditional expression inside the parenthesis is **true**.

There are several conditional operators that we can use:

Operator	Meaning
==	is equal to
! =	is not equal to
<	is less than
>	is greater than
<=	is less than or equal to
>=	is greater than or equal to

Not only can we use conditional operators, we can also use a boolean variable to make the decision. Here is an example:

Listing 5.2: IfOpMode2.java

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode;
2
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.OpMode;
3
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.TeleOp;
4
5
   @TeleOp()
6
   public class IfOpMode2 extends OpMode {
7
       @Override
8
       public void init() {
9
10
11
       @Override
12
       public void loop() {
13
           if (gamepad1.a) {
14
15
                telemetry.addData("A Button", "pressed");
            }
16
17
18
```

5.2. Else

An ifstatement can have an else clause which handles what should be done if the if expression is false. That sounds confusing, but here is an example:

Listing 5.3: IfElseOpMode.java

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode;
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.OpMode;
3
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.TeleOp;
5
   @TeleOp()
6
   public class IfElseOpMode extends OpMode {
7
       @Override
8
       public void init() {
9
10
11
       @Override
12
       public void loop() {
13
            if (gamepad1.left_stick_y < 0) {</pre>
14
                telemetry.addData("Left stick", " is negative");
15
            }
16
17
            else{
                telemetry.addData("Left stick", " is positive");
18
19
20
21
            telemetry.addData("Left stick y", gamepad1.left_stick_y);
       }
22
23
```

5.3. Combinations

Sometimes you want to test for more than one thing. For example, you may want to test if a variable is between two numbers. While you can use multiple if statements, it is often more convenient and readable to use logical combinations. There are three ways that you can combine logical conditions.

Operator	Example	Meaning
& &	(A < 10) && (B	logical AND (return TRUE if condition A AND condition B are
	> 5)	true, otherwise return FALSE.)
	(A < 10) (B	logical OR (return TRUE if condition A OR condition B is
	> 5)	true, otherwise return FALSE.)
!	! (A < 10)	logical NOT (return TRUE if condition A is false, otherwise
		return FALSE.)

One thing that might not be obvious is that you can use the NOT operator as a toggle for a boolean variable. So you can say:

```
boolean bVar;
bVar = !bVar;
```

5.4. Exercises

- 1. Make a "turbo button". When gamepad1. ais not pressed, multiply the joystick by 0.5 and when it is pressed multiply by 1 and report to the user as Forward Speed.
- 2. Make a "crazy mode". When gamepadl.a is pressed, report X as Y and Y as X. When it isn't pressed, report the joystick as normal....

6. Class Members and Methods

A class is a model of something. It can contain data (members) and functions (methods). Whenever you create a class, it becomes a data type that people can make variables of that type. You can think of a class like a blueprint that can be used to make any number of identical things. (called "objects") For example, the String data type is a class but we can have multiple objects of typeString in our programs.

6.1. Members

So far, we have had variables in our methods but we can also have them belong to our class. To have them belong to our class, they just need to be within the class body but outside of every method body. By convention, they are at the beginning of the class but they don't have to be. If they are in our class, then every method in our class can use them and when they get changed everyone sees the new value. However, every object (copy) has its own member variables¹

Listing 6.1: ClassMemberOpMode.java

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode;
2
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.OpMode;
3
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.TeleOp;
4
5
   @TeleOp()
6
   public class ClassMemberOpMode extends OpMode {
7
       boolean initDone;
8
9
       @Override
10
       public void init() {
11
           telemetry.addData("init Done", initDone);
12
           initDone = true;
13
15
       @Override
16
       public void loop() {
17
           telemetry.addData("init Done", initDone);
18
19
20
```

This is a little strange because even though initDone gets updated in init(), nothing sends it to the driver station until loop() gets called for the first time.

6.2. Class Methods

We can create new methods. A method has a return type (which is any data type), a name, and can take 0 or more parameters. A parameter is a way you can pass information into a

¹unless they are declared static which means they are shared between all objects of the class. We'll talk about this in section 18.1.

method. Each parameter has a data type and a name. Inside the method, it is just like you had a variable defined inside the method with that data type and name. (but it received its value from whomever called the class method.)

By convention we name methods starting with a lowercase letter and then having each additional word in the name start with an uppercase letter (Camel Case) After its parameters, there is the method body which goes from the opening curly bracket { to the close curly bracket }.

Listing 6.2: ClassMethodOpMode.java

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode;
2
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.OpMode;
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.TeleOp;
4
5
   @TeleOp()
6
7
   public class ClassMethodOpMode extends OpMode {
8
       @Override
9
       public void init() {
10
11
12
       double squareInputWithSign(double input) {
13
           double output = input * input;
14
            if(input < 0){
15
                output = output * -1;
16
17
18
           return output;
       }
19
20
       @Override
21
       public void loop() {
22
           double leftAmount = gamepad1.left_stick_x;
23
            double fwdAmount = -gamepad1.left_stick_y;
24
25
            telemetry.addData("Before X", leftAmount);
26
            telemetry.addData("Before Y", fwdAmount);
27
28
            leftAmount = squareInputWithSign(leftAmount);
29
            fwdAmount = squareInputWithSign(fwdAmount);
30
31
           telemetry.addData("After X", leftAmount);
32
            telemetry.addData("After Y", fwdAmount);
33
34
35
```

6.2.1. Return Types

The return type is simply the data type in front of the name. You can also say that a method doesn't return anything. In that case, instead of the data type you put the keywoard <code>voidbefore</code> the name. To return the value you use the return statement. It is simply <code>return <value>;</code> You can return a variable or a constant (typed in number, string, etc.) You can see this done in the example above. As soon as the return keyword is executed the method returns to whomever called it.

6.2.2. Parameters

You probably noticed that the name had an open parenthesis (after it. Then each parameter is listed like a variable (except no default assignment allowed). If there is more than one parameter, they are seperated by a comma , Then at the end of the parameters is a close parenthesis)

So some examples of methods:

```
// returnDataType name(parameters)
double squareInputWithSign(double input) {
    double output = input * input;
    if(input < 0) {
        output = output * -1;
    }
    return output;
}

void setMotorSpeed(double speed) {
    motor.set(speed);
}
double min(double x, double y) {
    if(x < y) {
        return x;
    }
    return y;
}
boolean isSensorPressed() {
    return touchSensor.isPressed();
}</pre>
```

6.3. Scope - Keep your private things private

You can also modify all class methods and members with a scope. (that is who can access it.) By default (if there is no scope given), members and methods are all package-private. That means that only that class and other classes in the same package (directory) can see them. The options are: (from most to least restrictive)

- private It can only be seen with the class. It cannot be accessed from outside the class.
- (default none specified) only that class and other classes in the same package (directory) can see them
- protected It can only be seen with the class, its children, and other classes in the same package (We'll talk about children in chapter 14)
- public It can be seen from everywhere. (You have seen this on init() and loop() in your OpModes)

In general, you want to be as restrictive as makes sense. If you are modifying the scope, it goes before the data type. (for variables) and before the return data type (for methods)

6.4. Exercises

1.

Exercises need to go here

7. Our first hardware

Until this point, we have been in pure software that hasn't used any of our hardware. That is fine, but our robot will be pretty boring without any sensors, motors, or servos.

7.1. Configuration file

This should talk about how to make a configuration file.

7.2. Mechanisms

Until this point we have had everything in one package. At this point, we are going to split things into two packages. One will hold our mechanisms (For this book, we have one mechanism called the ProgrammingBoard. On our real robot we would likely have multiple mechanisms.) The other will hold our opModes.

So there are now two programs:

This one is in the mechanisms package

Listing 7.1: ProgrammingBoard1.java

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.mechanisms;
2
  import com.qualcomm.robotcore.hardware.DigitalChannel;
3
  import com.qualcomm.robotcore.hardware.HardwareMap;
5
  public class ProgrammingBoard1 {
6
       private DigitalChannel touchSensor;
7
       public void init(HardwareMap hwMap) {
9
           touchSensor = hwMap.get(DigitalChannel.class, "touch_sensor");
10
           touchSensor.setMode(DigitalChannel.Mode.INPUT);
11
12
13
14
       public boolean getTouchSensorState() {
           return touchSensor.getState();
15
16
17
```

Explain the ProgrammingBoard file

7.3. OpMode

This one is in the opmodes package

Listing 7.2: TouchSensorOpMode.java

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.opmodes;
```

7. Our first hardware

```
2
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.OpMode;
3
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.TeleOp;
4
5
   import org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.mechanisms.ProgrammingBoard1;
6
7
   @TeleOp()
8
   public class TouchSensorOpMode extends OpMode {
9
       ProgrammingBoard1 board = new ProgrammingBoard1();
10
       @Override
11
       public void init() {
12
           board.init(hardwareMap);
13
14
15
       @Override
16
       public void loop()
17
           telemetry.addData("Touch sensor", board.getTouchSensorState());
18
19
20
```

Explain the opmodes file

7.4. Making changes

One of the huge advantages of splitting things out is that we can isolate hardware "weirdness". For example, you were probably surprised that pushing in the touch sensor returns false and it not pushed in was true. So let's change that.

First, we'll change our ProgrammingBoard class

Listing 7.3: ProgrammingBoard2.java

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.mechanisms;
2
  import com.qualcomm.robotcore.hardware.DigitalChannel;
3
  import com.qualcomm.robotcore.hardware.HardwareMap;
5
  public class ProgrammingBoard2 {
6
       private DigitalChannel touchSensor;
7
8
       public void init(HardwareMap hwMap) {
9
           touchSensor = hwMap.get(DigitalChannel.class, "touch_sensor");
10
           touchSensor.setMode(DigitalChannel.Mode.INPUT);
11
12
13
       public boolean isTouchSensorPressed() {
14
           return !touchSensor.getState();
15
16
17
```

Since we changed the name of the method, we have to change it in the OpMode as well. (PROTIP: If we use a right click, and Refactor->Rename in Android Studio then it will magically change it both in its declaration and everywhere it is called.

Listing 7.4: TouchSensorOpMode.java

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.opmodes;
```

7. Our first hardware

```
2
3
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.OpMode;
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.TeleOp;
4
5
   import org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.mechanisms.ProgrammingBoard1;
6
7
8
   @TeleOp()
  public class TouchSensorOpMode extends OpMode {
9
       ProgrammingBoard1 board = new ProgrammingBoard1();
10
       @Override
11
       public void init() {
12
           board.init(hardwareMap);
13
14
15
       @Override
16
       public void loop() {
17
           telemetry.addData("Touch sensor", board.getTouchSensorState());
18
19
20
```

7.5. Exercises

Need to come up with exercises for here

8. Motors

It is great that we have a sensor, but it is time to make things move!!

8.1. Configuration File

This should talk about how to add a motor to the configuration file.

8.2. Mechanisms

Listing 8.1: ProgrammingBoard3. java

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.mechanisms;
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.hardware.DcMotor;
3
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.hardware.DigitalChannel;
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.hardware.HardwareMap;
   public class ProgrammingBoard3 {
7
       private DigitalChannel touchSensor;
8
       private DcMotor motor;
9
10
       public void init(HardwareMap hwMap) {
11
           touchSensor = hwMap.get(DigitalChannel.class, "touch_sensor");
12
           touchSensor.setMode(DigitalChannel.Mode.INPUT);
13
           motor = hwMap.get(DcMotor.class, "motor");
14
           motor.setMode(DcMotor.RunMode.RUN_USING_ENCODER);
15
16
       public boolean isTouchSensorPressed() {
17
           return !touchSensor.getState();
18
19
20
21
       public void setMotorSpeed(double speed) {
           motor.setPower(speed);
22
23
24
```

Explain the ProgrammingBoard file

8.3. OpMode

This one is in the opmodes package

Listing 8.2: MotorOpMode.java

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.opmodes;
```

```
import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.OpMode;
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.TeleOp;
4
5
   import org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.mechanisms.ProgrammingBoard4;
6
   @TeleOp()
8
9
   public class MotorOpMode extends OpMode {
       ProgrammingBoard4 board = new ProgrammingBoard4();
10
       @Override
       public void init() {
12
           board.init(hardwareMap);
13
14
15
       @Override
16
       public void loop() {
17
           board.setMotorSpeed(0.5);
18
19
20
```

Explain the opmodes file

8.4. Motor as Sensor

The motor also has a rotation sensor built into it. We are using it when we say RUN_USING_ENCODER, but we can also read it and use it in our code. It'll need a chance to the ProgrammingBoard file

Listing 8.3: ProgrammingBoard4.java

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.mechanisms;
1
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.hardware.DcMotor;
3
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.hardware.DigitalChannel;
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.hardware.HardwareMap;
5
6
   public class ProgrammingBoard4 {
7
       private DigitalChannel touchSensor;
8
       private DcMotor motor;
9
10
       private double ticksPerRev;
11
       public void init(HardwareMap hwMap) {
12
           touchSensor = hwMap.get(DigitalChannel.class, "touch_sensor");
13
           touchSensor.setMode(DigitalChannel.Mode.INPUT);
14
           motor = hwMap.get(DcMotor.class, "motor");
15
           motor.setMode(DcMotor.RunMode.RUN_USING_ENCODER);
16
           ticksPerRev = motor.getMotorType().getTicksPerRev();
17
18
       public boolean isTouchSensorPressed() {
19
           return !touchSensor.getState();
20
21
22
       public void setMotorSpeed(double speed) {
23
           motor.setPower(speed);
24
25
       public double getMotorRotations() {
26
           return (double) motor.getCurrentPosition() / ticksPerRev;
27
28
```

29 }

Explain the ProgrammingBoard file

and a chang to the OpMode

Listing 8.4: MotorOpMode2.java

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.opmodes;
2
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.OpMode;
3
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.TeleOp;
4
   import org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.mechanisms.ProgrammingBoard4;
6
7
   @TeleOp()
8
9
   public class MotorOpMode2 extends OpMode {
       ProgrammingBoard4 board = new ProgrammingBoard4();
10
       @Override
11
       public void init() {
12
           board.init(hardwareMap);
13
14
15
       @Override
16
       public void loop() {
17
18
           board.setMotorSpeed(0.5);
           telemetry.addData("Motor rotations", board.getMotorRotations());
19
20
21
```

Explain the opmodes file

8.5. Motors and Sensors together

We don't need to make any change to our configuration file or our ProgrammingBoard file since they already have a motor and a sensor.

Listing 8.5: MotorSensorOpMode.java

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.opmodes;
2
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.OpMode;
3
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.TeleOp;
4
   import org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.mechanisms.ProgrammingBoard4;
6
7
   @TeleOp()
8
   public class MotorSensorOpMode extends OpMode {
9
       ProgrammingBoard4 board = new ProgrammingBoard4();
10
       @Override
11
       public void init() {
12
           board.init(hardwareMap);
13
14
15
       @Override
16
       public void loop() {
17
           if(board.isTouchSensorPressed()) {
18
```

```
board.setMotorSpeed(0.5);

else{
    board.setMotorSpeed(0.0);

board.setMotorSpeed(0.0);

telemetry.addData("Motor rotations", board.getMotorRotations());

}

}
```

Explain the opmodes file

8.6. Motors and Gamepads

And of course, our Gamepad is just like a sensor

Listing 8.6: MotorGamepadOpMode.java

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.opmodes;
2
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.OpMode;
3
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.TeleOp;
4
5
   import org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.mechanisms.ProgrammingBoard4;
6
7
   @TeleOp()
8
   public class MotorGamepadOpMode extends OpMode {
9
       ProgrammingBoard4 board = new ProgrammingBoard4();
10
       @Override
11
       public void init() {
12
           board.init(hardwareMap);
13
14
15
       @Override
16
       public void loop() {
17
           if(gamepad1.a) {
18
                board.setMotorSpeed(0.5);
19
20
           else{
21
                board.setMotorSpeed(0.0);
22
23
           telemetry.addData("Motor rotations", board.getMotorRotations());
24
25
26
```

Explain the opmodes file

or we can make it finer controlled by using an analog input from the gamepad

Listing 8.7: MotorGamepadOpMode2.java

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.opmodes;

import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.OpMode;
import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.TeleOp;

import org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.mechanisms.ProgrammingBoard4;
```

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```
@TeleOp()
   public class MotorGamepadOpMode2 extends OpMode {
9
       ProgrammingBoard4 board = new ProgrammingBoard4();
10
       @Override
11
       public void init() {
12
           board.init(hardwareMap);
13
14
15
       @Override
16
       public void loop() {
17
           double motorSpeed = gamepad1.left_stick_y;
18
19
           board.setMotorSpeed(motorSpeed);
20
21
           telemetry.addData("Motor rotations", board.getMotorRotations());
22
23
24
```

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8.7. Exercises

Need to come up with exercises for here

9. Servos

9.1. Configuration File

This should talk about how to add a servo to the configuration file.

9.2. Mechanisms

Listing 9.1: ProgrammingBoard5. java

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.mechanisms;
2
3
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.hardware.DcMotor;
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.hardware.DigitalChannel;
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.hardware.HardwareMap;
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.hardware.Servo;
6
7
   public class ProgrammingBoard5 {
       private DigitalChannel touchSensor;
9
       private DcMotor motor;
10
       private double ticksPerRev;
11
       private Servo servo;
12
13
       public void init(HardwareMap hwMap) {
14
           touchSensor = hwMap.get(DigitalChannel.class, "touch_sensor");
15
           touchSensor.setMode(DigitalChannel.Mode.INPUT);
16
           motor = hwMap.get(DcMotor.class, "motor");
17
           motor.setMode(DcMotor.RunMode.RUN USING ENCODER);
18
           ticksPerRev = motor.getMotorType().getTicksPerRev();
19
           servo = hwMap.get(Servo.class, "servo");
20
21
       public boolean isTouchSensorPressed() {
22
           return !touchSensor.getState();
23
24
25
       public void setMotorSpeed(double speed) {
26
           motor.setPower(speed);
27
28
29
       public double getMotorRotations() {
           return (double) motor.getCurrentPosition() / ticksPerRev;
30
31
       public void setServoPosition(double position) {
32
           servo.setPosition(position);
33
34
```

Explain the ProgrammingBoard file

9.3. OpMode

This one is in the opmodes package

Listing 9.2: MotorOpMode.java

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.opmodes;
2
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.OpMode;
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.TeleOp;
4
5
   import org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.mechanisms.ProgrammingBoard4;
6
   @TeleOp()
8
   public class MotorOpMode extends OpMode {
9
       ProgrammingBoard4 board = new ProgrammingBoard4();
10
       @Override
11
       public void init() {
12
           board.init(hardwareMap);
13
14
15
       @Override
16
17
       public void loop() {
           board.setMotorSpeed(0.5);
18
19
20
```

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9.4. Exercises

Need to come up with exercises for here

10. Analog Sensors

10.1. Configuration File

This should talk about how to add a analog sensor to the configuration file.

10.2. Mechanisms

Listing 10.1: ProgrammingBoard6. java

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.mechanisms;
  import com.qualcomm.robotcore.hardware.AnalogInput;
3
   import com.gualcomm.robotcore.hardware.DcMotor;
4
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.hardware.DigitalChannel;
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.hardware.HardwareMap;
6
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.hardware.Servo;
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.util.Range;
8
   public class ProgrammingBoard6 {
10
       private DigitalChannel touchSensor;
11
       private DcMotor motor;
12
       private double ticksPerRev;
13
       private Servo servo;
14
15
       private AnalogInput pot;
16
       public void init(HardwareMap hwMap) {
17
           touchSensor = hwMap.get(DigitalChannel.class, "touch_sensor");
18
           touchSensor.setMode(DigitalChannel.Mode.INPUT);
19
           motor = hwMap.get(DcMotor.class, "motor");
20
2.1
           motor.setMode(DcMotor.RunMode.RUN USING ENCODER);
           ticksPerRev = motor.getMotorType().getTicksPerRev();
22
           servo = hwMap.get(Servo.class, "servo");
23
           pot = hwMap.get(AnalogInput.class, "pot");
24
25
       public boolean isTouchSensorPressed() {
26
           return !touchSensor.getState();
27
28
29
       public void setMotorSpeed(double speed) {
30
           motor.setPower(speed);
31
32
       public double getMotorRotations() {
33
           return (double) motor.getCurrentPosition() / ticksPerRev;
34
35
       public void setServoPosition(double position) {
36
           servo.setPosition(position);
37
38
       public double getPotAngle() {
```

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```
return Range.scale(pot.getVoltage(), 0, pot.getMaxVoltage(), 0, 270);

return Range.scale(pot.getVoltage(), 0, pot.getMaxVoltage(), 0, 270);

return Range.scale(pot.getVoltage(), 0, pot.getMaxVoltage(), 0, 270);

return Range.scale(pot.getVoltage(), 0, pot.getMaxVoltage(), 0, 270);
```

Explain the ProgrammingBoard file

10.3. OpMode

This one is in the opmodes package

Listing 10.2: PotOpMode.java

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.opmodes;
2
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.OpMode;
3
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.TeleOp;
   import org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.mechanisms.ProgrammingBoard5;
6
   import org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.mechanisms.ProgrammingBoard6;
7
8
   @TeleOp()
9
   public class PotOpMode extends OpMode {
10
       ProgrammingBoard6 board = new ProgrammingBoard6();
11
       @Override
12
       public void init() {
13
           board.init(hardwareMap);
14
15
16
       @Override
17
       public void loop() {
18
           telemetry.addData("Pot Angle", board.getPotAngle());
19
20
21
```

Explain the opmodes file

10.4. Exercises

Need to come up with exercises for here

11. Color and Distance Sensors

11.1. Configuration File

This should talk about how to add a color sensor to the configuration file.

11.2. Mechanisms

Listing 11.1: ProgrammingBoard7.java

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.mechanisms;
  import com.qualcomm.robotcore.hardware.AnalogInput;
3
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.hardware.ColorSensor;
4
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.hardware.DcMotor;
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.hardware.DigitalChannel;
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.hardware.DistanceSensor;
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.hardware.HardwareMap;
8
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.hardware.Servo;
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.util.Range;
10
   import org.firstinspires.ftc.robotcore.external.navigation.DistanceUnit;
12
13
   public class ProgrammingBoard7 {
14
15
       private DigitalChannel touchSensor;
       private DcMotor motor;
16
       private double ticksPerRev;
17
       private Servo servo;
18
       private AnalogInput pot;
19
       private ColorSensor colorSensor;
20
2.1
       private DistanceSensor distanceSensor;
22
       public void init(HardwareMap hwMap) {
23
           touchSensor = hwMap.get(DigitalChannel.class, "touch_sensor");
24
           touchSensor.setMode(DigitalChannel.Mode.INPUT);
25
           motor = hwMap.get(DcMotor.class, "motor");
26
           motor.setMode(DcMotor.RunMode.RUN_USING_ENCODER);
27
           ticksPerRev = motor.getMotorType().getTicksPerRev();
28
           servo = hwMap.get(Servo.class, "servo");
29
           pot = hwMap.get(AnalogInput.class, "pot");
30
31
           colorSensor = hwMap.get(ColorSensor.class, "sensor_color_distance");
32
           distanceSensor = hwMap.get(DistanceSensor.class, "sensor_color_distance");
33
34
       public boolean isTouchSensorPressed() {
35
           return !touchSensor.getState();
36
37
38
       public void setMotorSpeed(double speed) {
```

```
40
           motor.setPower(speed);
41
       public double getMotorRotations() {
42
           return (double) motor.getCurrentPosition() / ticksPerRev;
43
       public void setServoPosition(double position) {
45
            servo.setPosition(position);
46
47
       public double getPotAngle() {
          return Range.scale(pot.getVoltage(), 0, pot.getMaxVoltage(), 0, 270);
49
50
       public int getAmountRed() {
51
52
           return colorSensor.red();
53
       public void turnOnColorSensorLight(boolean on) {
54
            colorSensor.enableLed(on);
55
56
       public double getDistance(DistanceUnit du) {
57
           return distanceSensor.getDistance(du);
58
59
60
```

Explain the ProgrammingBoard file

11.3. OpMode

This one is in the opmodes package

Listing 11.2: DistanceColorOpMode.java

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.opmodes;
2
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.OpMode;
3
4
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.TeleOp;
5
   import org.firstinspires.ftc.robotcore.external.navigation.DistanceUnit;
6
   import org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.mechanisms.ProgrammingBoard7;
7
8
9
   @TeleOp()
   public class DistanceColorOpMode extends OpMode {
10
       ProgrammingBoard7 board = new ProgrammingBoard7();
11
       @Override
12
       public void init() {
13
           board.init(hardwareMap);
14
15
16
       @Override
17
       public void loop() {
18
           board.turnOnColorSensorLight(gamepad1.a);
19
20
           telemetry.addData("Amount red", board.getAmountRed());
2.1
           telemetry.addData("Distance (CM)", board.getDistance(DistanceUnit.CM));
22
           telemetry.addData("Distance (IN)", board.getDistance(DistanceUnit.INCH));
23
24
25
```

Explain the opmodes file

11.4. Exercises

Need to come up with exercises for here

12. Gyro

13. Dealing with State

State is where you remember what you have done and do something different because of what you have done in the past.

13.1. A simple example

Listing 13.1: ToggleOpMode.java

```
package org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.opmodes;
2
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.OpMode;
3
   import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.TeleOp;
4
   import org.firstinspires.ftc.robotcore.external.navigation.DistanceUnit;
6
   import org.firstinspires.ftc.teamcode.mechanisms.ProgrammingBoard7;
7
8
   @TeleOp()
9
   public class ToggleOpMode extends OpMode {
10
       ProgrammingBoard7 board = new ProgrammingBoard7();
11
       boolean aPressed;
12
       boolean lightOn;
13
       @Override
       public void init() {
15
           board.init(hardwareMap);
16
17
18
       @Override
19
       public void loop() {
20
           if(gamepad1.a && !aPressed) {
21
                lightOn = !lightOn;
22
               board.turnOnColorSensorLight(lightOn);
23
24
25
           aPressed = gamepad1.a;
26
27
```

Explain the opmodes file

13.2. A more complicated example

This is where I will introduce switch..case and have an autonomous state machine

14. Inheritance

15. Javadoc

16. Finding things in FTC SDK

17. Some useful things in the Java SDK

17.1. Math class

Write this

17.2. More of the string class

18. Other Topics (placeholder)

- 18.1. static
- 18.2. final

A. Making your own Programming Board

B. Sample Solutions