

# Coding Microbits using Python — Reflections

## Module 1: Design & Making with Microbit - Python

This module introduces the microbit as a piece of hardware that has a specific size and weight, and generally must be supported and incorporated as an essential component of a tangible artifact. Focus on making a pet or robot and incorporating the physical microbit as the face of the project.

## Module 1: Project MicroRobot

## Questions, Interview, and Responses

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## Sketches MicroRobot

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### 01.2a Name Display Activity

List steps to create a microbit program and install it.

### 01.2b Icons Display Activity

Here are a list of predefined (Image.XXX) icons:

Image.HEART	Image.CLOCK5,	Image.COW
Image.HEART_SMALL	Image.CLOCK4,	Image.MUSIC_CROCHET
Image.HAPPY	Image.CLOCK3,	Image.MUSIC_QUAVER
Image.SMILE	Image.CLOCK2,	Image.MUSIC_QUAVERS
Image.SAD	Image.CLOCK1	Image.PITCHFORK
Image.CONFUSED	Image.ARROW_N,	Image.XMAS
Image.ANGRY	Image.ARROW_NE,	Image.PACMAN
Image.ASLEEP	Image.ARROW_E,	Image.TARGET
Image.SURPRISED	Image.ARROW_SE,	Image.TSHIRT
Image.SILLY	Image.ARROW_S,	Image.ROLLERSKATE
Image.FABULOUS	Image.ARROW_SW,	Image.DUCK
Image.MEH	Image.ARROW_W,	Image.HOUSE
Image.YES	Image.ARROW_NW	Image.TORTOISE
Image.NO	Image.TRIANGLE	Image.BUTTERFLY
Image.CLOCK12,	Image.TRIANGLE_LEFT	Image.STICKFIGURE
Image.CLOCK11,	Image.CHESSBOARD	Image.GHOST
Image.CLOCK10,	Image.DIAMOND	Image.SWORD
Image.CLOCK9,	Image.DIAMOND_SMALL	Image.GIRAFFE
Image.CLOCK8,	Image.SQUARE	Image.SKULL
Image.CLOCK7,	Image.SQUARE_SMALL	Image.UMBRELLA
Image.CLOCK6,	Image.RABBIT	Image.SNAKE

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List 2 ways to use the `display._____` command to view the LED display screen.

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### 0.1.2c Icon Animation Activity

Put at least 4 icons together to tell a story. Write each line of the story below.

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### 01.2d Creative Design Activity

Program individual LEDs using the (Sketch LED face designs for your project)


### 01.3 Project

Microbit Project Faces (Sketch LED face designs for your project)


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List the steps to create your robot face animation project.

This image shows a blank sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins or other markings on the paper.

## Reflection

Summarize the feedback from your partner. \_\_\_\_\_

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How would you revise your design, if you were to go back and create another?

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## What was it like designing a project?

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Was it a project you enjoyed? Why or why not?

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## What would you do to redesign the project?

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## What was it like to interview your partner? What was it like to be listened to?

What was something that surprised you about the process of designing a micro:project? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe a difficult point in the process of designing a micro:project and how you resolved it? \_\_\_\_\_

## Rubric

For creative projects such as these, we normally don't use a qualitative rubric to grade the creativity or the match with their partner's needs. We just check to make sure that the micro:project meets the required specifications:

- Program properly downloaded to microbit
- microbit supported so the face is showing
- microbit can be turned on and off without taking critter apart
- Turned in notes on interview process
- Written reflection

## Notes

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## Module 2: Software & Hardware (Algorithms)

This module introduces a conceptual framework for thinking of a computing device as something that uses code to process one or more inputs and send them to an output(s). Questions to be answered include: What is a computer? What is a microbit and what can it do? Students will be making projects that utilize the sensors and screen output of the micro:bit.

What computers are in your house?

What are the parts of a computer? List examples of each.


**Blackbox** - What are the parts in a Blackbox?

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What are some examples of Blackboxes in society?

02.2a Sensors Temperature Activity

Pseudocode for Sensors Temperature program

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Button A Press Event

What is the code for a button A pressed event?

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What comments should be included at the top of a program?

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How could your microbit be calibrated to reflect the current room temperature?

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What are some other **sensor** inputs on the microbit?

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02.2b Sensors Temperature & Compass Activity

Add a button B pressed event to your Sensor code to find the compass direction.  
Pseudocode to add a compass to the Sensors Temperature program

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02.2c Accelerometer Tilt Activity

Code different tilt events and display an arrow or a word showing the tilt direction.  
Pseudocode to create a tilt events program. (See Python Microbit Notes)

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02.3 Project: Blackbox

In this project you will plan, design, and create your own Blackbox using different events, microbit sensors, output to LEDs, and MakeCode’s block programming. You will also use a maker elements as part of you design and construction.

Brainstorm Ideas \_\_\_\_\_

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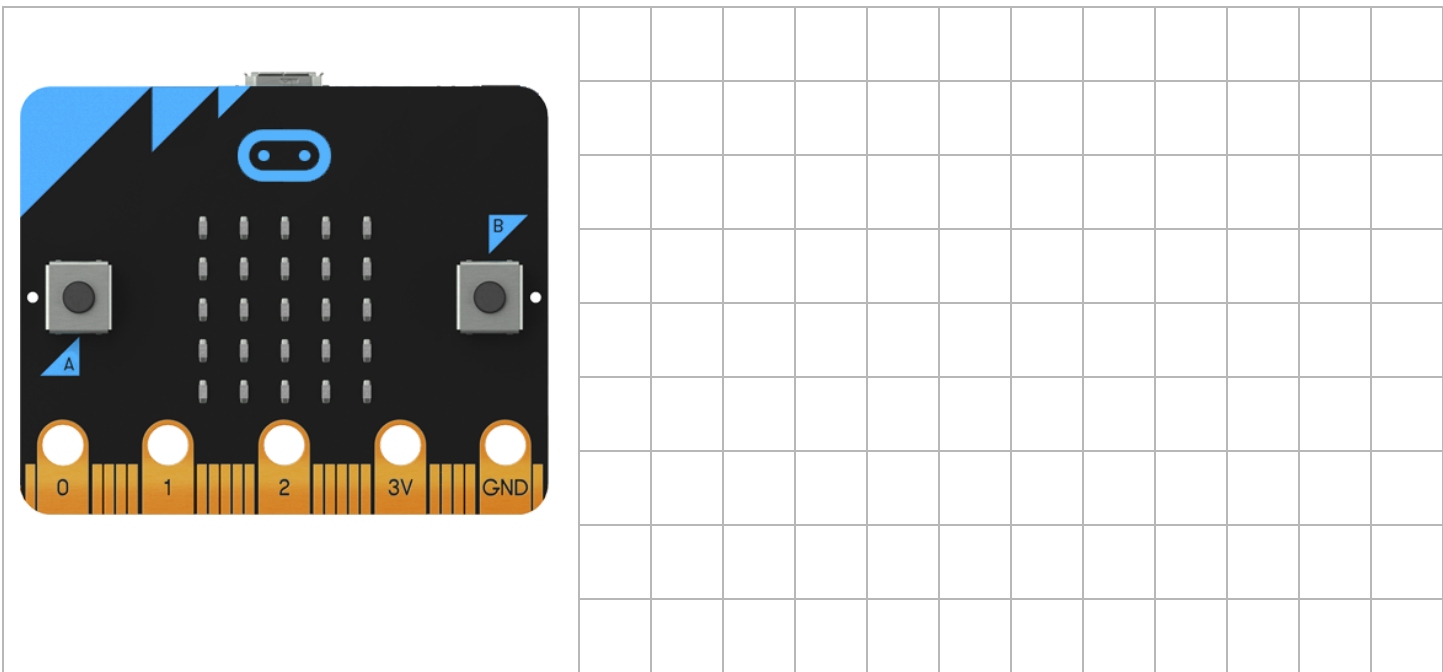
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Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

## Project Sketch:



## Blackbox Algorithm & Pseudocode

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Materials Needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Coding Plan: \_\_\_\_\_

### Notes & Reflections

Beta Testing: \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Ideas: \_\_\_\_\_

Photos:

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## Assessment Rubric - Competency scores

Competencies	4	3	2	1
<b>Inputs</b>	At least 4 different inputs are successfully implemented.	At least 3 different inputs are successfully implemented.	At least 2 different inputs are successfully implemented.	Fewer than 2 different inputs are successfully implemented.
<b>Outputs</b>	At least 4 different outputs are successfully implemented.	At least 3 different outputs are successfully implemented.	At least 2 different outputs are successfully implemented.	Fewer than 2 different outputs are successfully implemented.
<b>Micro:bit Program</b>	micro:bit program: 1) uses event handlers in a way that is integral to the program 2) compiles and runs as intended 3) includes meaningful comments	micro:bit program lacks 1 of the required elements.	micro:bit program lacks 2 of the required elements.	micro:bit program lacks all of the required elements.
<b>Collaboration Reflection</b>	Reflection piece includes: 1) brainstorming ideas 2) construction 3) programming 4) beta testing	Reflection piece lacks 1 of the required elements.	Reflection piece lacks 2 of the required elements.	Reflection piece lacks 3 of the required elements.

## Notes

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### Python Microbits Code Notes

#### Events Code

Here is a link to all the possible button and gesture events associated with the microbit. Any section(s) can be copied and used. This code is meant to make it is easier to get started using events on the microbit.

```
# 2.0 Event Structures
# by C Lyman
# July 2019
# Module 2 of Coding & Innovation using Microbits - Python
# Structures for different events using Microbits

from microbit import *

# forever loop for Events
while True:
    # Event - button A pressed?
    if button_a.is_pressed():
        # action when A is pressed
        display.show("A")

    # Event - button B pressed?
    if button_b.is_pressed():
        # action when B is pressed
        display.show("B")

    # Event - buttons AB pressed?
    if button_a.was_pressed() and button_b.was_pressed():
        # action when A&B are pressed
        display.scroll("AB")

    # Event - pin0 touched?
    if pin0.is_touched():
        # action when pin0 & ground are touched
        display.show("0")

    # Event - pin1 touched?
    if pin1.is_touched():
        # action when pin1 & ground are touched
        display.show("1")

    # Event - pin2 touched?
    if pin2.is_touched():
        # action when pin2 & ground are touched
        display.show("2")

    # Event gesture face up
    faceUp = accelerometer.was_gesture("face up")
    if faceUp:
        display.scroll("UP")
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# Event gesture face down
faceDown = accelerometer.was_gesture("face down")
if faceDown:
    display.scroll("DWN")

# Event gesture shake
shake = accelerometer.was_gesture("shake")
if shake:
    display.scroll("SHK")

# Event gesture up
up = accelerometer.was_gesture("up")
if up:
    display.scroll("^")

# Event gesture down
down = accelerometer.was_gesture("down")
if down:
    display.show("v")

# Event gesture right
right = accelerometer.was_gesture("right")
if right:
    display.show(">")

# Event gesture left
left = accelerometer.was_gesture("left")
if left:
    display.show("<")

# Event - freefall?
freefall = accelerometer.was_gesture("freefall")
if freefall:
    # action when microbit is in freefall
    display.scroll("FF")

# Event - 3g?
threeG = accelerometer.was_gesture("3g")
if threeG:
    #6g & 8g are also options
    # action when microbit is accelerated at 3G
    display.scroll("3G")
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#### Sensors Code

There are many sensors that can be used as input from the microbit. Below are snippets of code that can be used to access the sensors using MicroPython. For the most part they return a numeric value that can be displayed on the LED screen or used in a calculation.

```
# 2.0 Sensors
# by C Lyman
# April 2019
# Module 2 of Coding & Innovation using Microbits - Python
# Code for different sensors using Microbits

from microbit import *

while True:
    # Sensor code lines and examples with value stored in a variable

    # Temperature in Celsius
    # Code: temperature()
    # Example:
        temp = temperature()

    # Light level from the display 0-255
    # Code: display.read_light_level()
    # Example:
        light = display.read_light_level()

    # Acceleration x - tilting left - right +
    # 0 when flat facing up
    # Code: accelerometer.get_x()
    # Example:
        accelX = accelerometer.get_x()

    # Acceleration y - tilting forward + back -
    # 0 when flat facing up
    # Code: accelerometer.get_y()
    # Example:
        accelY = accelerometer.get_y()

    # Acceleration z - moving up + down -
    # -1024 when flat face up (Gravity acting downwards)
    # 1024 when face down
    # vigorous movement will get values +-2048
    # Code: accelerometer.get_z()
    # Example:
        accelZ = accelerometer.get_z()

    # Acceleration all axes
    # Code: accelerometer.get_values()
    # Example:
        accelXYZ = accelerometer.get_values()
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# Compass Calibrate
# The compass must be calibrated before it can be used.
# The microbit asks you to "tilt until the screen is filled".
# When that is completed a smiley face shows on the screen.
# Then the compass will work.
# Code: compass.calibrate()
# Example:
    compass.calibrate()

# Compass Heading
# Gives a compass degrees for the direction top of the microbit
# (away from the pins) is pointed. 0 or 360 North, 90 East,
# 180 South, and 270 West.
# Code: compass.heading()
# Example:
    compassHeading = compass.heading()

# Compass x gives a magnetic field strength reading in nano tesla
# Code: compass.get_x()
# Example:
    magnetismX = compass.get_x()

# Compass Strength gives an indication of the magnitude
# of the magnetic field strength around the device in nano tesla
# Code: compass.get_field_strength()
# Example:
    magnetismStrength = compass.get_field_strength()
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## Module 3: Everything Counts (Variables)

Computer programs process information. Some of the information that is input, stored, and used in a computer program as values that vary or change during the running of a program. Programmers create variables to hold the value of information that may change. In a game program, a variable may be created to hold the player’s current score, since that value would change (hopefully!) during the course of the game. Students will be making projects like a people counter, pedometer, score keeper, and/or dice roll.

### Module 3: Everything Counts (Variables)

List constants and variables in your life.

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Kinds of variables (list examples):

number: \_\_\_\_\_

string: \_\_\_\_\_

boolean: \_\_\_\_\_

list: \_\_\_\_\_

Play **Newspaper Toss** with a team:

Game 1	Score
Team 1	
Team 2	

Game 2	Score
Team 1	
Team 2	

Rules for naming variables and identifiers:

- Use descriptive names
- Start with lowercase letters
- Only use letters (a-z) and numbers (0-9). **No** spaces or symbols
- Use camelCase when putting 2 words together
- An underscore “\_” can also be used to connect words
- Constants are done in all CAPS
- Math operators: +, -, \*, /, %, \*\*, //

What is the assignment operator and how does it work?

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03.2a People Counter Activity

Pseudocode to create a People Counter program.

03.2b Score Keeper Activity

Pseudocode to create a Score Keeper program.

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## Modifications to People Counter or Score Keeper programs

03.3 Project: Everything Counts

In this project you will plan, design, and create something that counts. It should keep track of input by storing values in variables, process the input, and output in some visual and useful way. It should also perform mathematical operation on the variables to give useful output. It should also use a maker elements as part of the design and construction.

Brainstorm Ideas \_\_\_\_\_

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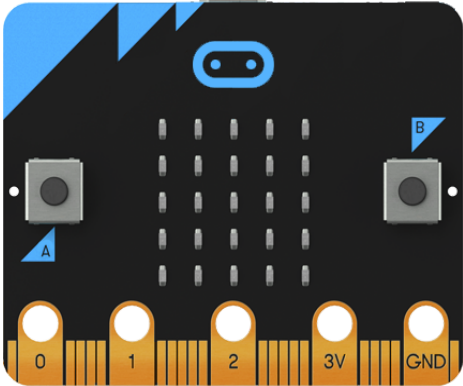
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Project Sketch:





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## Everything Counts Algorithm & Pseudocode

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Coding Plan: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Notes & Reflections

What problem were you trying to solve? \_\_\_\_\_

How well did your prototype work? \_\_\_\_\_

What did you change? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe a difficult point and how you resolved it: \_\_\_\_\_

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Assessment Rubric - Competency scores

Competency	4	3	2	1
Variables	At least 3 different variables are implemented in a meaningful way.	At least 2 variables are implemented in a meaningful way.	At least 1 variable is implemented in a meaningful way.	No variables are implemented.
Variable Names	All variable names are unique and clearly describe what information values the variables hold using CamelCase	The majority of variable names are unique and clearly describe what information values the variables hold.	A minority of variable names are unique and clearly describe what information values the variables hold.	None of the variable names clearly describe what information values the variables hold.
Mathematical Operations	Uses a mathematical operation on at least two variables in a way that is integral to the program.	Uses a mathematical operation on at least one variable in a way that is integral to the program.	Uses a mathematical operation incorrectly or not in a way that is integral to the program.	No mathematical operations are used.
Micro:bit Program	micro:bit program: 1) Uses variables in a way that is integral to the program 2) Uses mathematical operations to add, subtract, multiply, and/or divide variables 3) Compiles and runs as intended 4)Meaningful comments in code.	micro:bit program lacks 1 of the required elements.	micro:bit program lacks 2 of the required element.s	micro:bit program lacks 3 or more of the required elements.
Collaboration Reflection	Reflection piece addresses all prompts.	Reflection piece lacks 1 of the required elements.	Reflection piece lacks 2 of the required elements.	Reflection piece lacks 3 of the required elements.

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## Module 4: Making Decisions (Conditionals)

Computer programs are instructions telling the computer how to process input and deliver output. An important part of programming is telling the computer WHEN to perform a certain task. For this, we use something called ‘conditionals’. Conditionals get their name because a certain Condition or Rule has to be met. Conditionals are usually implemented using an ‘if (condition) then action statement. Students will be creating and making projects like coin toss, Magic 8 Ball, and/or dice toss with dots instead of numbers.

### Module 4: Making Decisions (Conditionals)

List 3 decisions you have made today.

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Conditionals:

if (*condition*) then

*Action if true*

else

*Action if condition is false*

**Red Light - Green Light** conditionals:

if ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) then

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if ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) then

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if ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) then

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else

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### Conditions and Boolean expressions

All of the conditions in an if...then statement have to be an expression that can be evaluated as either True or False. These are called Boolean expressions when they are either True or False. These expressions usually use comparison operators to decide if it is True or False.

Comparison Operators		
Operator	Name	Example
==	equals	<b>x == y</b>
!=	not equal	<b>x != y</b>
>	greater than	<b>x &gt; y</b>
<	less than	<b>x &lt; y</b>
>=	greater than or equal to	<b>x &gt;= y</b>
<=	less than or equal to	<b>x &lt;= y</b>

Logical Operators		
Operator	Description	Example
and	Returns True if both statements are true	x < 5 and x < 10
or	Returns True if one of the statements are true	x < 5 or x < 4
not	Reverse the result, returns False if the result is true	not(x < 5 and x < 10)

### 04.2a Coin Toss Activity

Algorithm & Pseudocode:

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### 04.2b Dice Roll Activity

### Algorithm & Pseudocode:

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### 04.3 Project: Board Game (done with a partner)

In this project you will plan, design, and create a board game. It should have clear rules on how to play. It should use conditionals on the microbit in a way that is central to the game. It should also use a maker elements as part of the design and construction. (Do a search for “DIY board games.”)

Brainstorm Ideas \_\_\_\_\_

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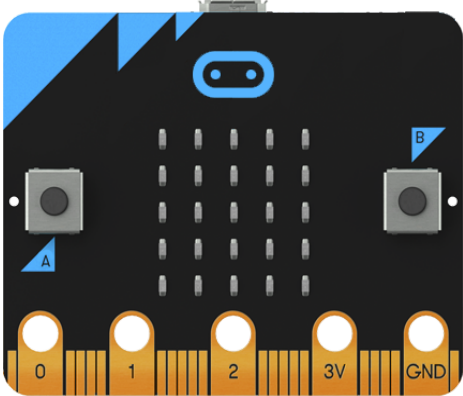
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Microbit Project Sketch:




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## Game Board Sketches

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Board Game Rules and Conditionals in Playing:

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Board Game Algorithm & Pseudocode:

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Coding Plan: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Notes & Reflections

How did you decide with your partner on your board game? \_\_\_\_\_

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What was something that was surprising to you in the creation of your board game?

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How well did your prototype work? \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe a difficult point in designing your game and how you resolved it:

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What feedback did you get from your beta testers?

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What did you change to improve your game? \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe how you and your partner shared the work on the project.

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Assessment Rubric

Competency scores

Competency	4	3	2	1
Rules	All game rules are clear and complete.	A game rule is missing or not complete or not clear.	More than one game rule is missing or not complete or not clear.	Most of the game rules are missing or it is not clear what the rules are.
Game Board	Game board is: 1) Complete 2) Neat 3) Fits with the theme of the game 4) micro:bit is a central part of the game	Game board meets only 3 of the conditions listed for a score of 4.	Game board meets only 2 of the conditions listed for a score of 4.	Game board meets only 1 of the conditions listed for a score of 4.
Micro:bit Program	micro:bit program: 1) Uses the micro:bit in a way that is integral to the game 2) Uses conditionals correctly 3) Compiles and runs as intended 4) JavaScript includes comments in code	micro:bit program lacks 1 of the required elements.	micro:bit program lacks 2 of the required elements.	micro:bit program lacks 3 of the required elements.
Photo Documentation	Complete photo documentation that includes photos of game board and code and captions.	A photo is missing or of poor quality or a caption is missing.	Multiple photos and/or captions missing or of poor quality.	Most photos and/or captions missing or of poor quality.
Collaboration Reflection	Reflection piece includes: 1) Brainstorming ideas 2) Construction 3) Programming 4) Beta testing	Reflection piece lacks 1 of the required elements.	Reflection piece lacks 2 of the required elements.	Reflection piece lacks 3 of the required elements.

Comments or Photos:

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## Notes

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## Module 5: Music, Designs & LEDs (Loops)

One of the things that computer are really good at is doing the same thing over and over again without getting tired. In this module students will use loops to compose music, connect headphones/speaker, connect LED's, and designs that repeat.

### Module 5: Music, Designs, & LEDs (Loops )

List 3 things you did today that involved loops.

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### Loops

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for i in range (number):  
    do Actions.  
  
while (condition):  
    do Actions if condition is true.  
  
for i in range (start number, end number, increment number):  
    do Actions.
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*i* is a variable that is the index for the loop.

### Repeat loops activities

#### 05.2a Heart Beat Activity

Algorithm & Pseudocode -**for i in range()** loop

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## 05.2b Music Tunes Activity

### Algorithm & Pseudocode - **for i in range()** loop

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Modification: add a button B pressed for additional tunes.

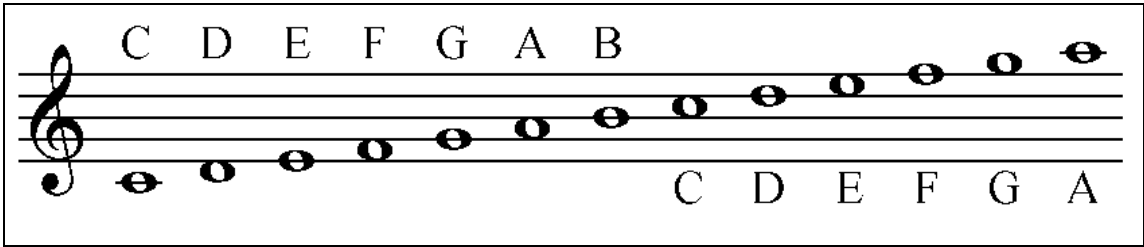
### 05.2c Frere Jacques Song Activity

### Algorithm & Pseudocode - **for i in range()** loop

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## Musical Notes



## Note values



Modifications for Frere Jacques Song activity. Find another song and add the code and notes to a button B pressed. Create a song of your own and code it.

## Algorithm & Pseudocode

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05.2d European Siren Activity

Algorithm & Pseudocode - **while** (*condition*) loop

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05.23e External LED Activity

Algorithm & Pseudocode - **for i in range()** loop

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How do you add & program LEDs? \_\_\_\_\_

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05.2g Counting Numbers Activity

Algorithm & Pseudocode - **for i in range(*start, end, increment*)** loop

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Modifications: Count by a different number than 1. Count backwards.

Why do some coders just use “i” for the index variable?

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What are different ways to increment a variable?

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05.3 Project: Loopy Entertainment and Innovation!

In this project you will plan, design, and create an entertaining microbit program that uses loops. It should use at least different 3 loops. It should use sound, display, and/or motion in a way that is central to the project. It should also use a maker elements as part of the design and construction.

Brainstorm Ideas \_\_\_\_\_

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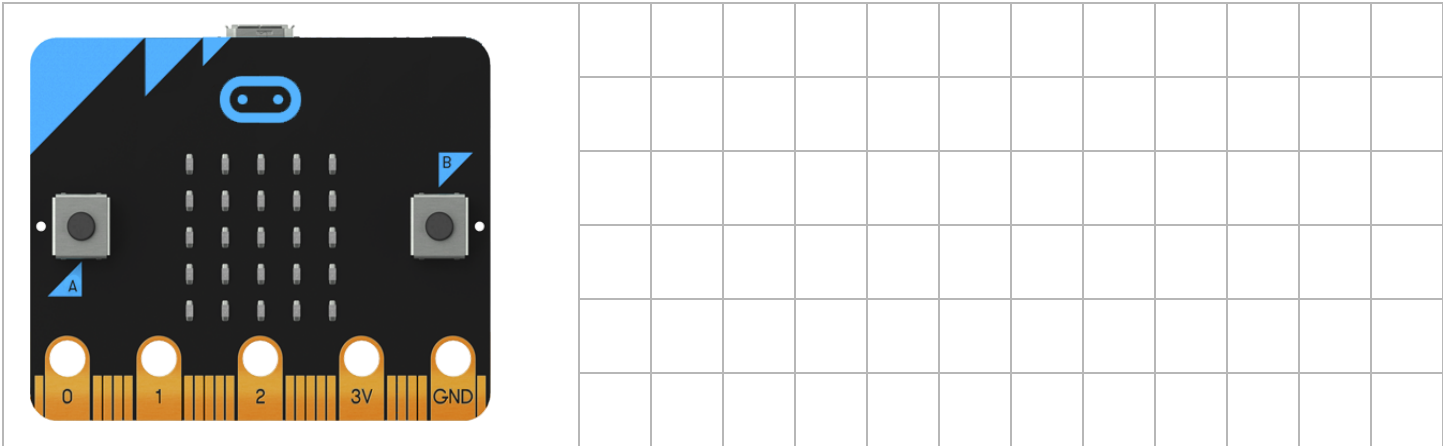
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Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Microbit Project Sketch:



## Entertainment Loopy Sketches

## Loopy Entertainment Algorithm & Pseudocode:

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Materials Needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Coding Plan: \_\_\_\_\_

Photos:

Notes & Reflections

How did you decide with you decide on your loopy entertainment?

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What was something that was surprising to you in the creation of your project?

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How well did your prototype work? \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe a difficult point in designing your loopy entertainment and how you resolved it:

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What feedback did you get from your beta testers?

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What did you change to improve your loop demo? \_\_\_\_\_

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Assessment Rubric

Competency scores

Competency	4	3	2	1
Loops	At least 3 different loops are implemented in a meaningful way.	At least 2 loops are implemented in a meaningful way.	At least 1 loop is implemented in a meaningful way.	No variables are implemented.
Variables (parameters)	All variable names are unique and clearly describe what information values the variables hold.	The majority of variable names are unique and clearly describe what information values the variables hold.	Few variable names are unique or clearly describe what information values the variables hold.	None of the variable names clearly describe what information values the variables hold.
Sound, Display, & Motion	Uses sound, display, and motion in a way that is integral to the program.	Uses only two of the required elements in a way that is integral to the program.	Uses only one of the required elements in a way that is integral to the program.	None of the required elements are used.
Micro:bit Program	micro:bit program: 1) Uses loops in a way that is integral to the program 2) Compiles and runs as intended 3) Meaningful comments in code	micro:bit program lacks 1 of the required elements.	micro:bit program lacks 2 of the required elements.	micro:bit program lacks 3 or more of the required elements.
Collaboration Reflection	Reflection piece includes: 1) Brainstorming ideas 2) Construction 3) Programming 4) Beta testing	Reflection piece lacks 1 of the required elements.	Reflection piece lacks 2 of the required elements.	Reflection piece lacks 3 of the required elements.

Notes

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## Module 6: Radio Communications

This module covers the use of more than one micro:bit to share and combine data. Students will explore the Radio functionality of the micro:bit. Students will send and receive numbers and strings in a series of guided activities. Finally, students are asked to collaborate so that they can share their micro:bits and create a project together that uses the radios as part of their project.

### Radio Communications

List all of the different kinds of communication that you can think of that use radios.

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### Vocabulary

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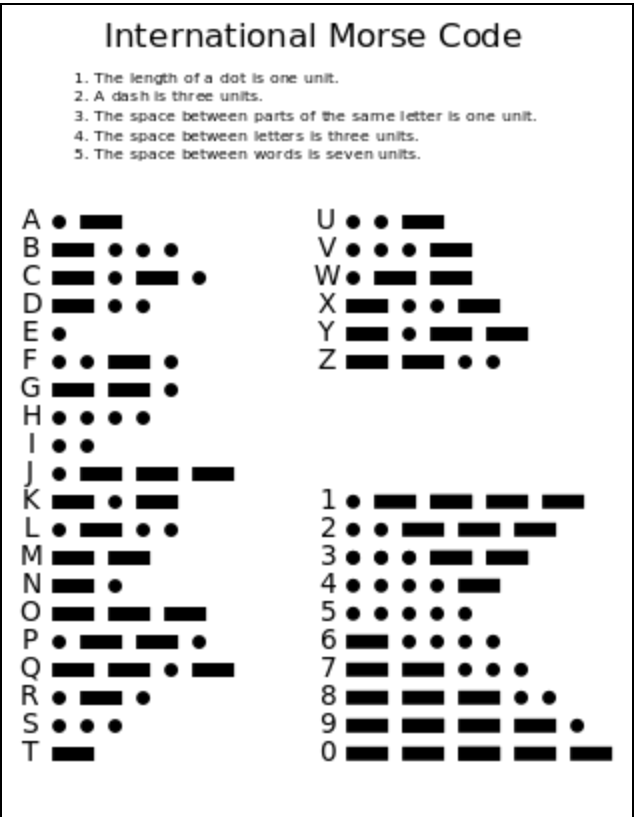
receiver \_\_\_\_\_

### Morse Code:

Morse code was one of the first kinds of communication that could be used over a long distance. The first commercial electrical telegraph was developed in May 1837 in London. In the USA Samuel Morse independently developed a telegraph along with the Morse code and sent the first message in January 1838.

At the end of 1894, the young Italian inventor, Guglielmo Marconi, begin working with wireless radio. In March 1897, Marconi transmitted Morse code over a distance of 6 km (3.7 miles). Morse code continued to be used for communication until the 1990s. At one time all Boy Scouts had to learn Morse Code to earn the 1st Class rank.

(Telegraphy. Wikipedia.  
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Telegraphy>)  
(Morse Code. Wikipedia.  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morse\\_code](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morse_code))



Write your name in Morse Code.

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Write a message in Morse Code. Have your neighbor decode it.

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Decode your neighbor’s message.

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**06.2a Radio Initials Activity**

Algorithm & Pseudocode:

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**06.2b Morse Code Activity**

Algorithm & Pseudocode:

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### Morse Code Modifications:

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### 06.3 Project: Radio Communications (done with a partner)

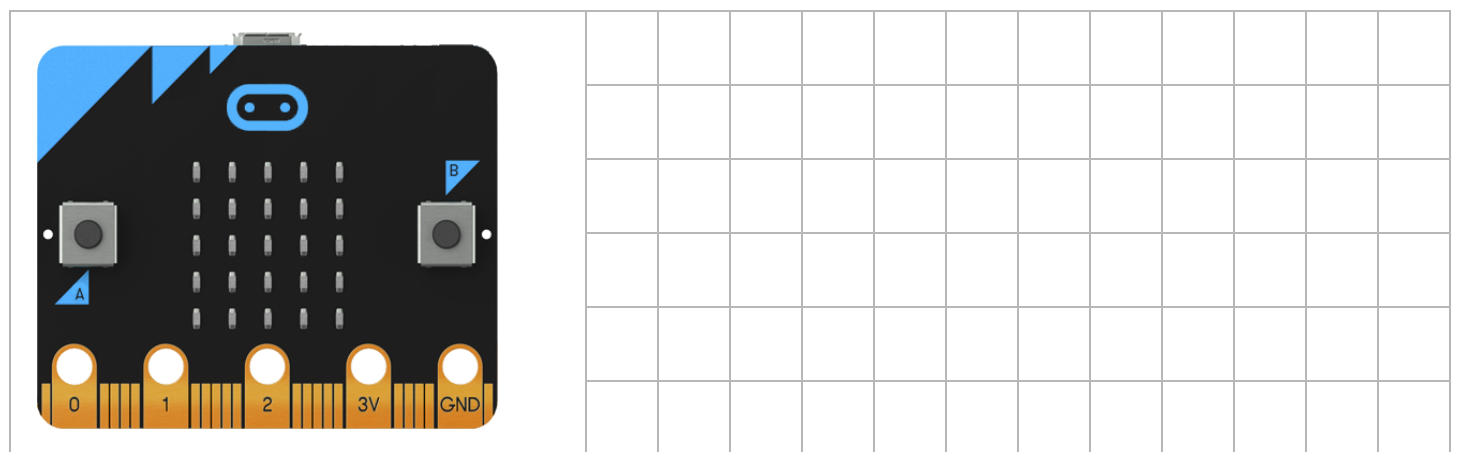
In this project you will plan, design, and create a microbit program that uses radio communications. It may have 2 separate programs: one that sends data and the other that receives data. It should also use a maker elements as part of the design and construction.

## Brainstorm Ideas

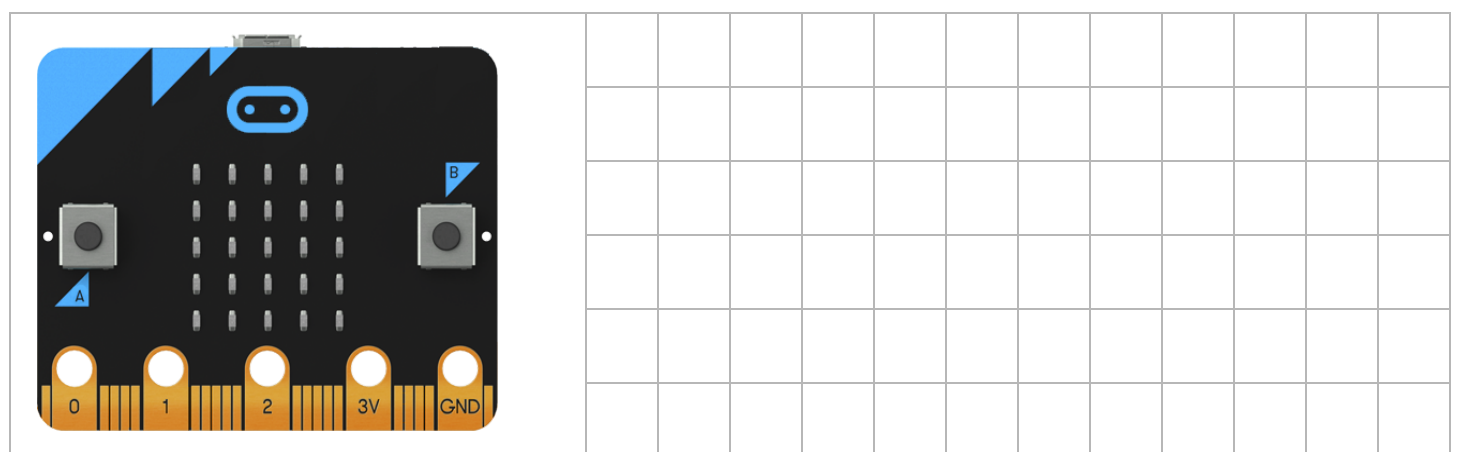
Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

## Microbit Project Sketch 1:



## Microbit Project Sketch 2:





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# Radio Communication Sketches

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## Radio Communications Algorithm & Pseudocode:

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Materials Needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Coding Plan: \_\_\_\_\_

## Photos:

Notes & Reflections

How did you decide with you decide on your radio communication project?

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How did your project use radio communications?

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Describe something in your project that you are proud of?

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What was something that was difficult in the creation of your project?

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How well did your prototype work? \_\_\_\_\_

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What feedback did you get from your beta testers?

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What did you change to improve your project? \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe how you and your partner shared the work on the project.

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### Assessment Rubric

#### Competency scores

Competency	4	3	2	1
Radio	Effectively uses the Radio to send and receive data, with meaningful actions and responses for each.	Effectively uses the Radio to send or receive data, with meaningful actions and responses for each.	Use of Radio is incomplete or non-functional and/or tangential to operation of program.	No working and/or meaningful use of Radio.
Micro:bit Program	micro:bit program: 1) Uses Radio blocks in a way that is integral to the program 2) Compiles and runs as intended 3) Meaningful comments in code	micro:bit program lacks 1 of the required elements.	micro:bit program lacks 2 of the required elements.	micro:bit program lacks all of the required elements.
Collaboration Reflection	Reflection piece addresses all prompts.	Reflection piece lacks 1 of the required elements.	Reflection piece lacks 2 of the required elements.	Reflection piece lacks 3 of the required elements

### Notes

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## Module 7: Innovation & Mini-Project

The mini-project will give you an opportunity to plan, design, and create a microbit program that serves a purpose by solving a problem or filling a need. It is an opportunity to show what you have learned and to learn something new. It should also use maker elements as part of the design and construction.

## Brainstorm Ideas

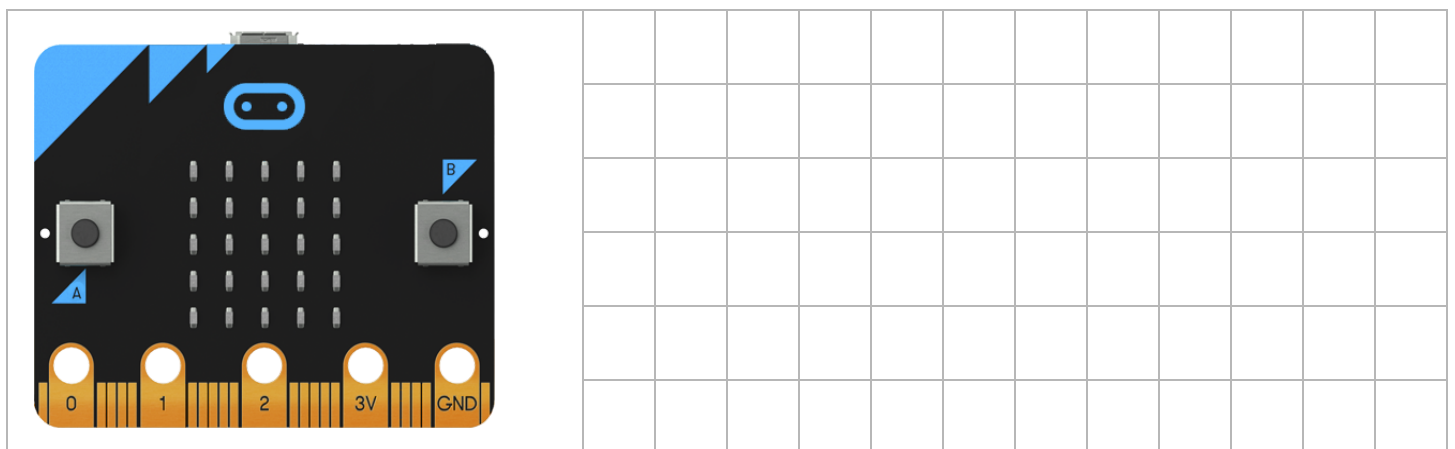
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Project: \_\_\_\_\_

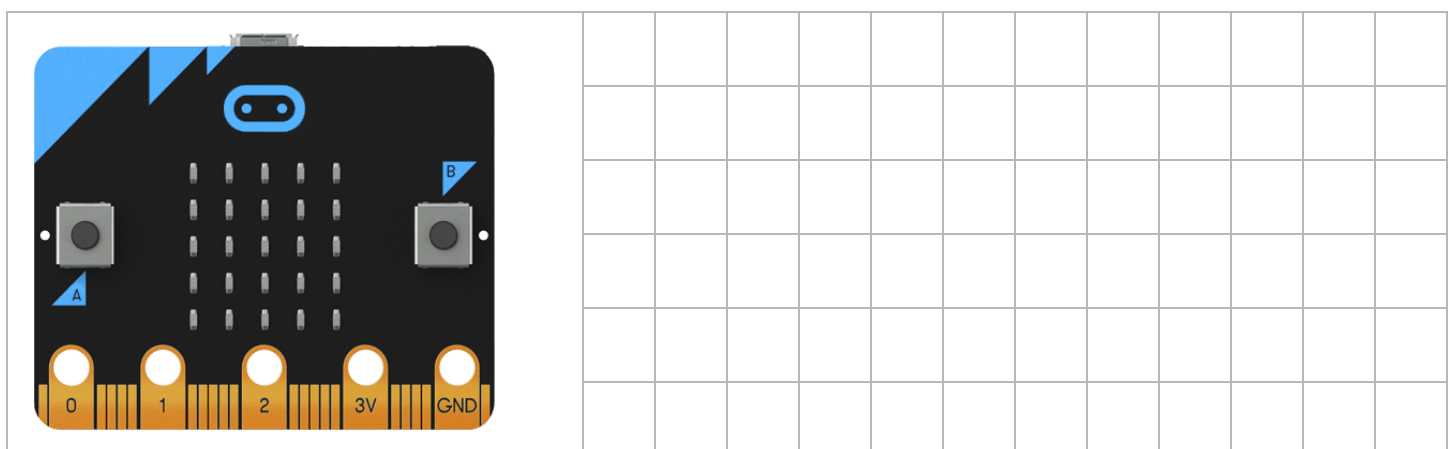
Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Microbit Project Sketch 1:



## Microbit Project Sketch 2:



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## Mini-project Sketches

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### Mini-project Algorithm & Pseudocode:

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Materials Needed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Coding Plan: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Mini-Project Daily Work Log:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Goal: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Goal: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Goal: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Notes & Reflections

Talk about one challenge you faced in creating this project? How did you overcome it?

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How did you demonstrate what you already knew?

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What was a new thing you learned? How did you learn it?

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Who in the class provided help for you along the way? How?

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Describe one specific thing you are proud of in this project.

If you had more days, what would you do to improve your project?

What did you do to publicly show the project?

### Assessment Rubric

#### Competency scores

Competency	4	3	2	1
Code - Show what you know	Code very effectively demonstrates the use of previous concept(s). Variable names are unique and clearly describe what information values the variables hold. Code is highly efficient. Code is commented.	Code only partially demonstrates previous concepts, and/or is not efficient.	Code only partially demonstrates previous concepts, and/or is not efficient, variable names not clear.	Code does not demonstrate previous concepts, is not efficient, variable names not clear.
Code - Show something new	Code very effectively demonstrates the use of new concept(s). Variable names are unique and clearly describe what information values the variables hold. Code is highly efficient. Code is commented.	Code only minimally demonstrates new concepts, and/or is not efficient.	Code only minimally demonstrates new concepts, and/or is not efficient, variable names not clear.	Code does not demonstrate new concepts, is not efficient, variable names not clear.
Maker Component	Tangible component is tightly integrated with the micro:bit and each relies heavily on the other to make the project complete.	Tangible component is somewhat integrated with the micro:bit but is not essential.	Tangible component does not add to the functionality of the program.	No tangible component.
Work Logs	All work logs submitted on time, and accurate.	One late or missing work log and/or work logs not accurate nor sufficiently detailed.	Two late or missing work logs and/or work logs not accurate nor sufficiently detailed.	More than two late or missing work logs and/or not accurate nor sufficiently detailed.
Reflection	Reflection piece describes: 1) Development Process 2) Something new 3) Something proud of 4) Future modifications	Reflection piece lacks 1 of the required elements.	Reflection piece lacks 2 of the required elements.	Reflection piece lacks 3 of the required elements.

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