User Interaction

Introduction

Within this worksheet we are going to control the red, yellow or the green LEDs depending on the choice that the user makes.

Equipment Required

To complete this worksheet you will require:

- A Raspberry Pi with all cables
- A Electronic Breadboard
- 1 x Red LED
- 1 x Yellow LED
- 1 x Green LED
- 3 x 330 ohms Resistors
- 4 x Male to Female jumper wires
- 2 x Pieces of hook-up wire

Creating The Circuit

Before you create the circuit make sure the Raspberry Pi is turned off. To create the circuit follow the diagram below: **NOTE:** LEDs Have one longer leg called the anode which is always connected to the positive supply of the circuit. The shorter leg called the cathode is connected to the negative side of the power supply. The resistors go in between the short leg and ground rail on a breadboard.
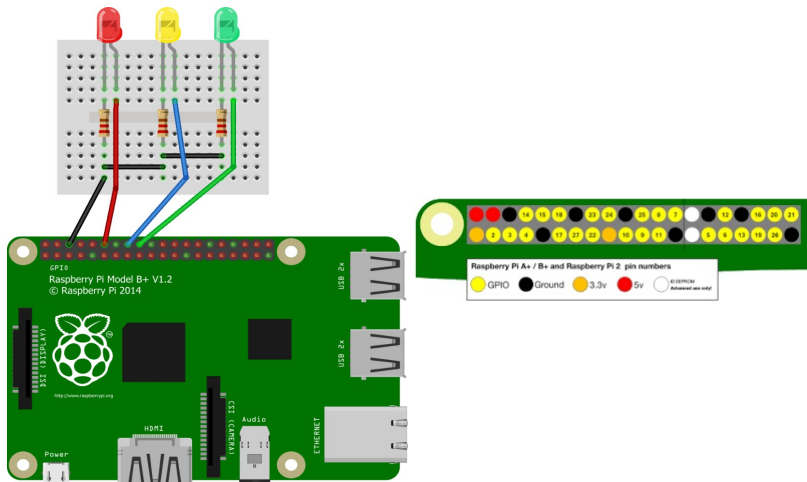
Now plug the power supply in to turn the Raspberry pi on.

Creating User Interface

Before we write our code this time we need to develop an interface to pick which LED we would like to blink.

First thing we need to do is open Scratch. To do this Go to Menu -> Programming and click on Scratch.

1. **Delete Felix (the Cat)**. To do this right click on

and click on Delete.

2. **Create a sprite for our question**. To do this click on the

next to New Sprite. Then click on the

for creating text, type What LED would you like to blink?

3. **Create a Red square**. To do this click on the

Icon again and click on the
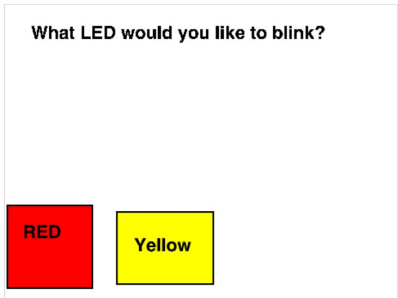

Now click on the

icon and pick the colour red, then click in the rectangle to make it Red. You can also click on the

to add the text "Red" to your square too.

4. **Create a Yellow square**. Do this exactly the same as the Red square except fill it with a yellow colour.

Your interface should look something like this:

Creating The Code

Configuring GPIO

To configure scratch to talk to the GPIO pins double click on the stage icon and add the following code:
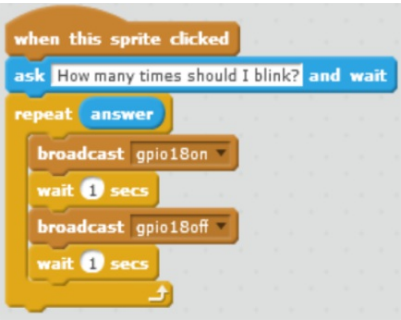

What The Blocks Do

Code Block	Meaning
	When the green flag is clicked the code will run
	Turning the GPIO Server on so that scratch can communicate with the GPIO Pins
	Configuring pin 18 as an output
	Configuring pin 23 as an output
	Configuring pin 24 as an output

Configuring The Red LED

Double click on the Red sprite block and add this code:

What The Blocks Do

Code Block	Meaning
when this sprite clicked	When this sprite is clicked it does the code that follows
ask How many times should I blink? and wait	This allows you to ask a question and wait for a response
repeat 10	This block makes the code inside it repeat a given number of times
answer	This stores the answer to a question. When attached to the repeat block the code will run that many times
broadcast gpio18on	Giving pin 18 power and turning the red LED on
wait 1 secs	This makes the program pause for 1 second
broadcast gpio18off	Taking power away from pin 18 and turning the red LED off

Configuring The Yellow LED

Double click on the Yellow sprite and add this code:

All the code for the Yellow sprite is the same as the Red Sprite apart from it is turning pin 23 on and off instead of pin 18.

NOTE: To edit the code of the broadcast blocks click on the little black arrow and pick *new/edit* and type the text into the dialog box and press enter.

Once you have copied the code above and checked to make sure it is right. Save the file and call it User_Interaction.

Running The Code

You are now ready to run the code. You can do this by clicking on the green flag. You should now see your chosen LED blink on and off for as many times as you asked it.

Challenge

Now you have got the Red and Yellow LEDs working. Add a green block and code to make this work for the green LED.