

Welcome to the labs!



Tamagotchi! - Micro:bits

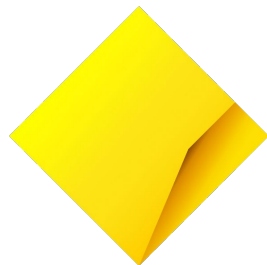


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Who are you?



Get to know you BINGO

Grab a printed BINGO sheet & pen

- Read each square
- Find a new friend who can complete any of the squares
- Write their name in the square - you can only put their name in ONE box!
- TUTORS TOO!

Has been thrift shopping 	Grows plants at home 	Enjoys eating spicy food 	First time at GPN 
Writes a diary or journal 	Was born in the same month as you 	Has a fish as a pet 	Has played pokemon 
Has the same favourite ice cream flavour as you 	Enjoys the beach 	Has done archery 	Has made their own bread 
Is a fan of Kpop 	Enjoys getting or creating nail art 	Has been to Tasmania 	Whose first name starts with the same letter as your first name 

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You can see:

- A link to the **Workbook**
- These **Slides** (to take a look back on or go on ahead)
- Other helpful bits like a Cheatsheet to help you code



Using the workbook!

The workbooks will help you put your project together!

Each **Part** of the workbook is made of tasks!

Tasks - The parts of your project

Follow the tasks **in order** to make the project!

Hints - Helpers for your tasks!

Stuck on a task, we might have given you a hint to help you **figure it out!**

The hints have **unrelated** examples, or tips. **Don't copy and paste** in the code, you'll end up with something **CRAZY!**

Task 6.2: Add a blah to your code!

This has instructions on how to do a part of the project

1. **Start by doing this part**
2. **Then you can do this part**

Task 6.1: Make the thing do blah!

Make your project do blah

Hint

A clue, an example or some extra information to help you **figure out** the answer.

```
print('This example is not part of the project' )
```



Using the workbook!

The workbooks will help you put your project together!

Check off before you move on from a **Part!** Do some bonuses while you wait!

Checklist - Am I done yet?

Make sure you can tick off every box in this section before you go to the next Part.

Lecture Markers

This tells you you'll find out how to do things for this section during the names lecture.

Bonus Activities

Stuck waiting at a lecture marker? Try a purple bonus. They add extra functionality to your project along the way.



CHECKPOINT



If you can tick all of these off you're ready to move the next part!

- ☐ Your program does blah
- ☐ Your program does blob



★ BONUS 4.3: Do something extra!

Something to try if you have spare time before the next lecture!



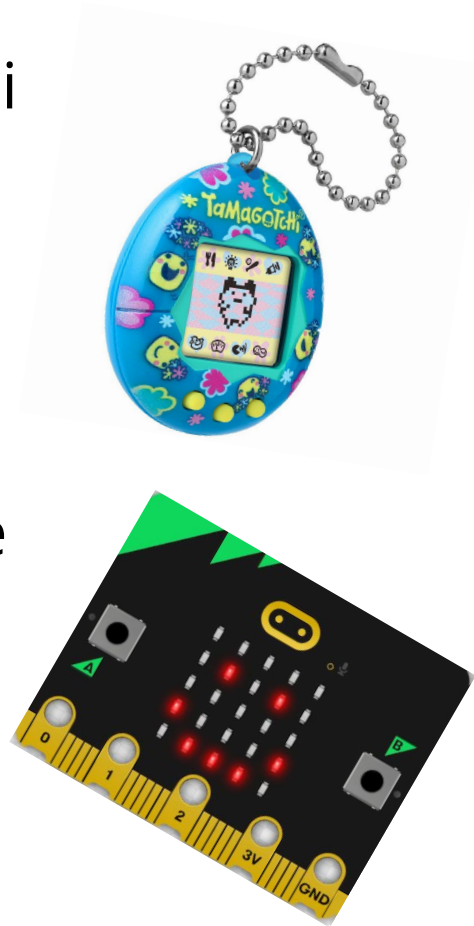
Today's project!

Tamagotchi- Micro:Bit



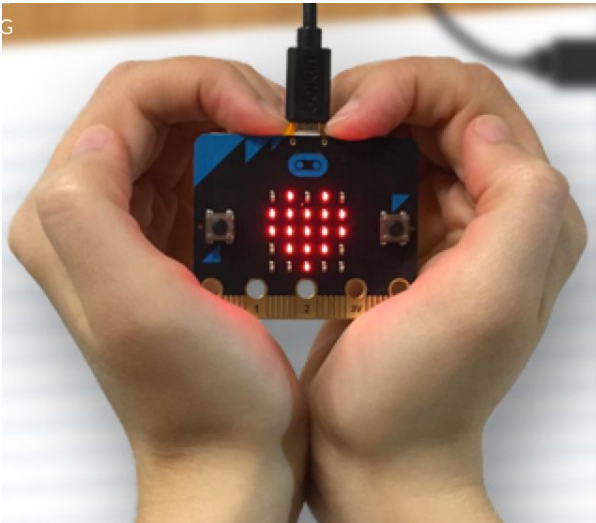
Tamagotchi

- You're going to make your own Tamagotchi electronic pet using a micro:bit
- Tamagotchi pets were a worldwide fad created in Japan in 1996
- Give your pet a name and write some code to feed it, play with it and let it sleep
- **Don't let it get hungry, bored or sleepy!**
- **Keep it alive, watch it grow and change**



Tamagotchi

Sadly you can't keep them at the end of the day. 😞



If you want one for home (maybe for christmas or your birthday!) they're about \$25 .

Find out where to buy them here:
<https://microbit.org/>

Intro to Micro:Bit

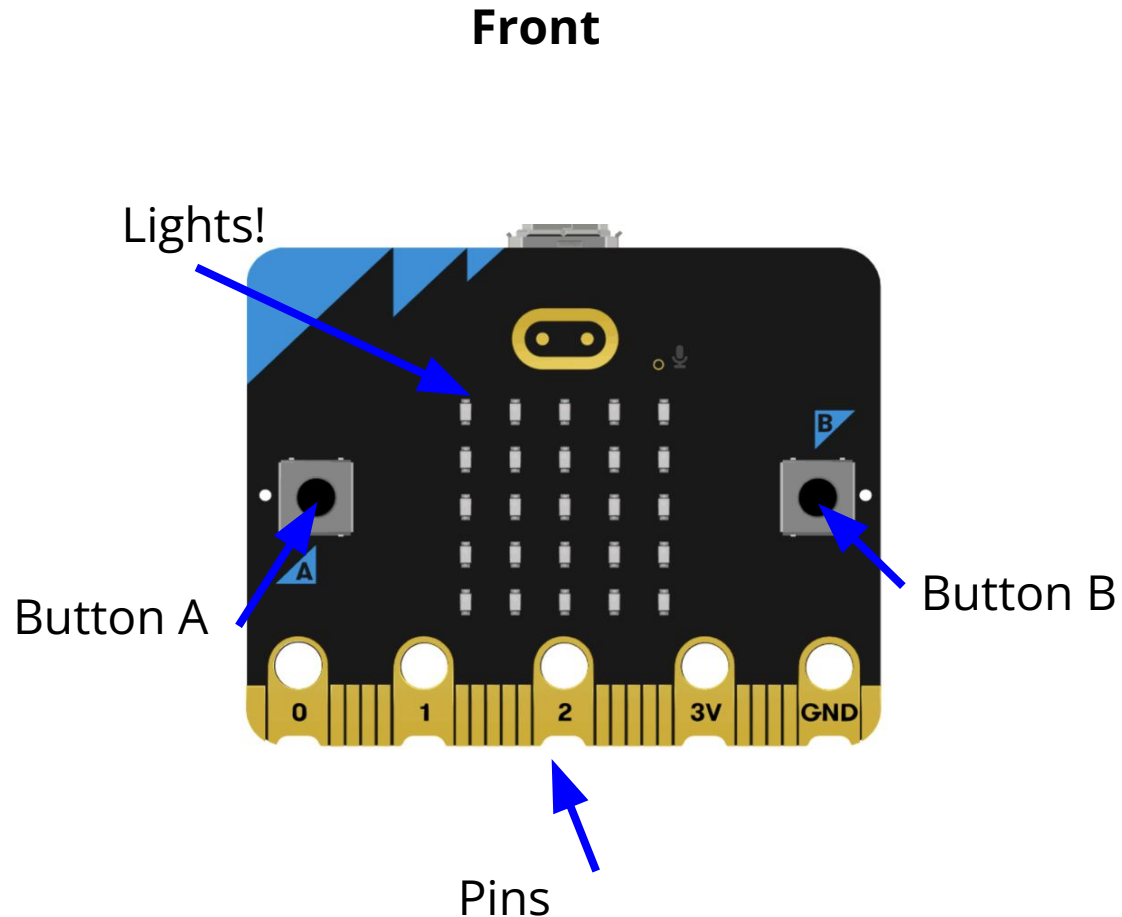


What is a Micro:Bit?

Buttons: We can press these and tell the Micro:Bit to do different things

Lights: We can turn each light on or off to make different images

Pins: These let us connect the Micro:Bit to other devices using wires



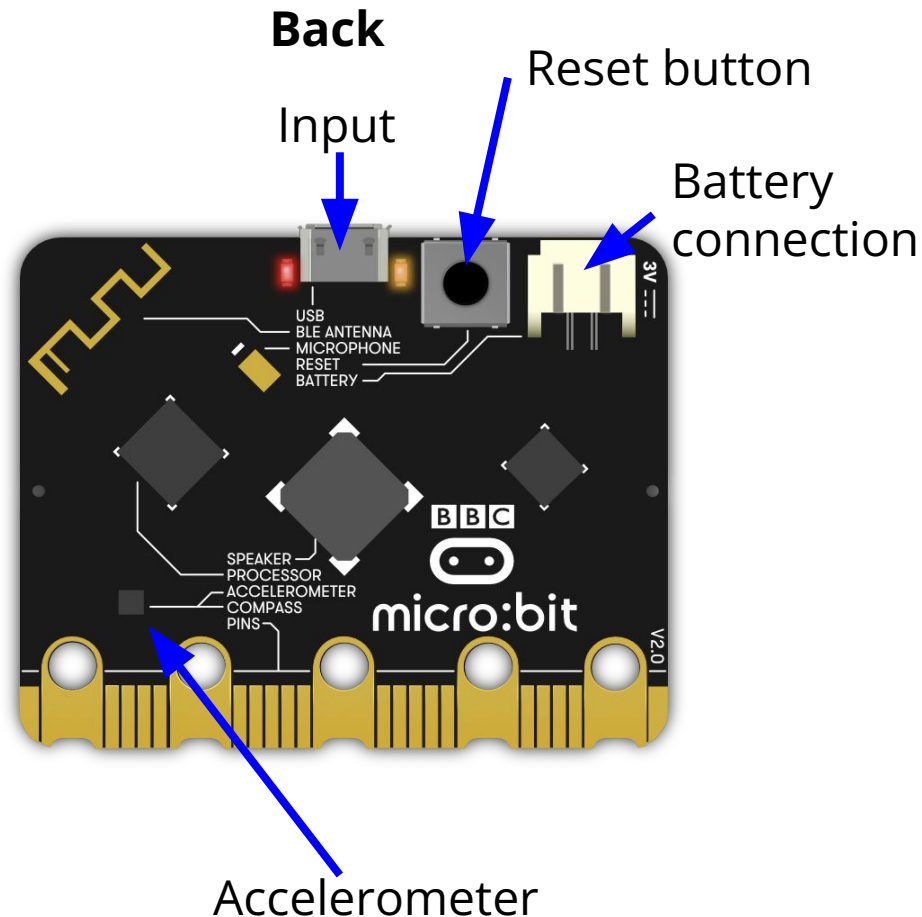
What is a Micro:Bit?

Input: Where we connect the cable from the computer to transfer our code/power to our Micro:Bit

Reset button: Let's you stop your code and starts it again

Battery connection: You can use your micro:bit even when it is not plugged into your computer! Ask you tutor for a battery pack if you need one.

Accelerometer: The Micro:bit can tell us when it is **accelerated** - so it knows when we shake it!



Using python.microbit.org

Today we will be using **python.microbit.org** to program our Micro:Bits.

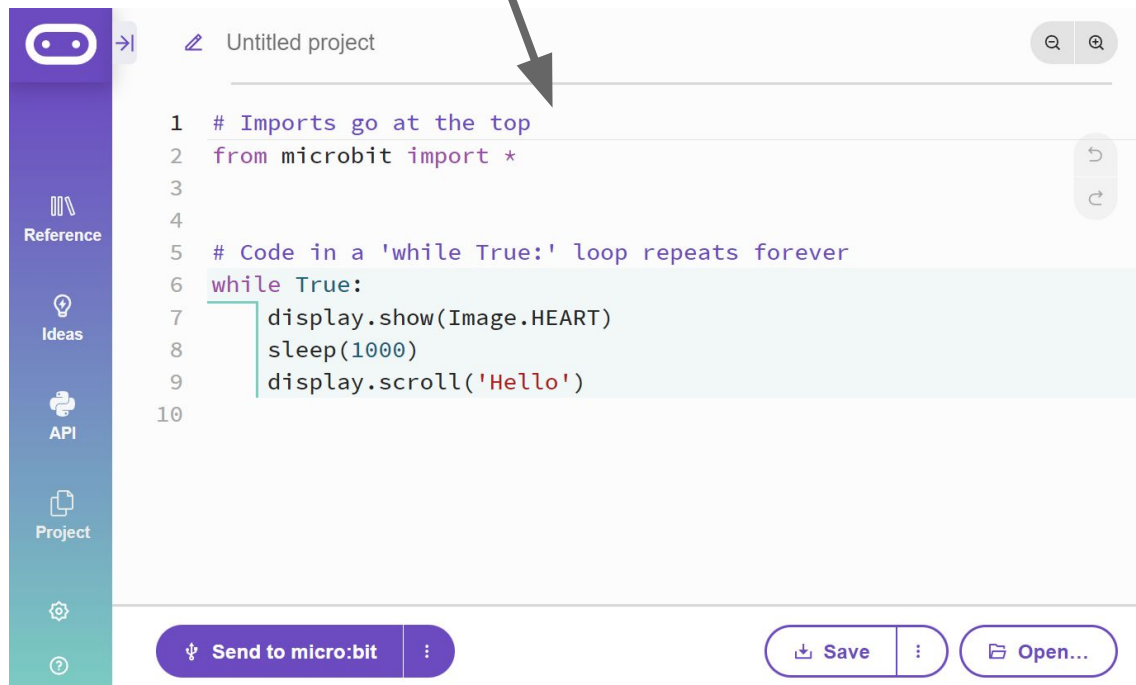
Go to python.microbit.org



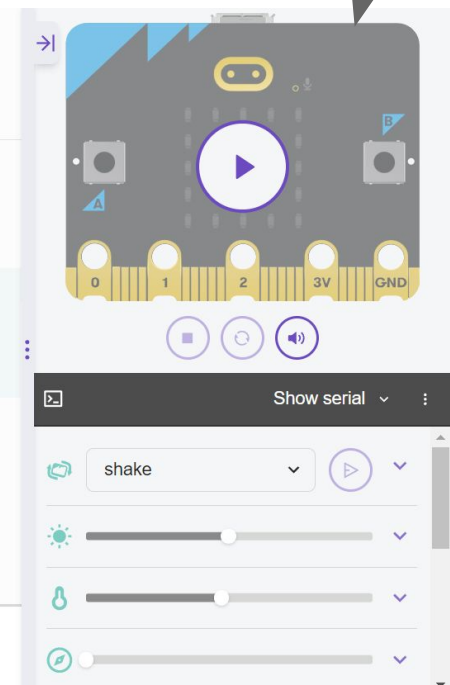
You should see this page pop up!

python.microbit.org

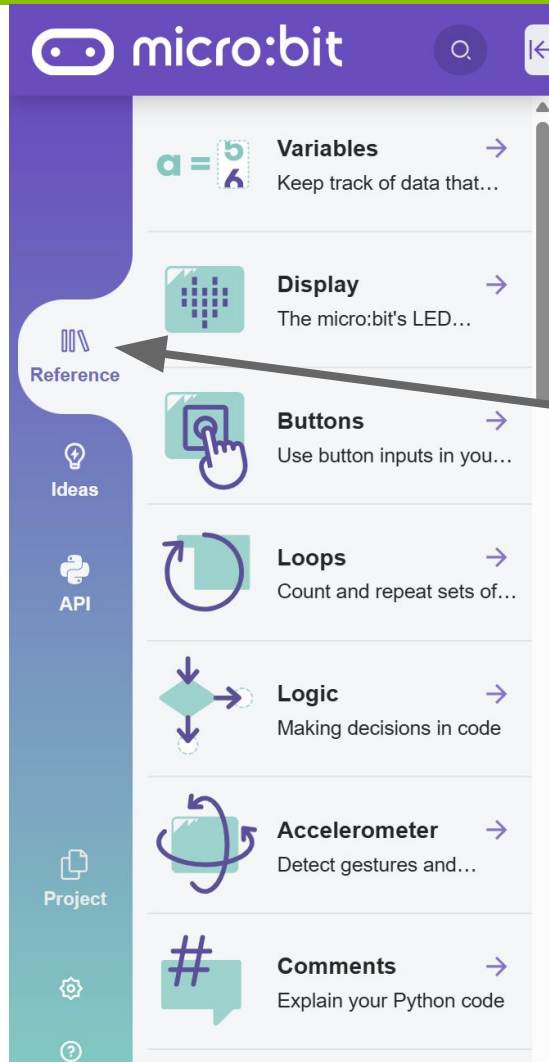
This is where we code



This is the simulator where we test our code



python.microbit.org



This is the reference. Click on the reference button to help you find the syntax for different instructions.

Click here



How do we write code for it?

Micro:Bits use **Python**, which is the programming language that we usually teach here at GPN!

Always make sure this line is at the top of your code!

```
from microbit import *
```

This lets us use lights, sounds, buttons and lots of other cool in our Python code for the Micro:Bit

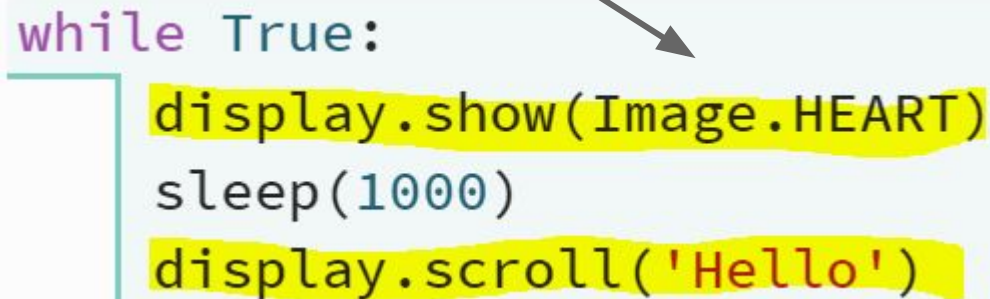


The Display

Your Micro:Bit has a 5 x 5 display grid of little red LEDs on the front!

You can do some cool stuff with the display like:

Show an image, like a heart!



```
while True:
    display.show(Image.HEART)
    sleep(1000)
    display.scroll('Hello')
```

The image shows a Python code snippet in a light blue box. The code is a while loop that repeats forever. It contains three lines of code: `display.show(Image.HEART)`, `sleep(1000)`, and `display.scroll('Hello')`. The first line is highlighted in yellow. A grey arrow points from the text 'Show an image, like a heart!' to the `Image.HEART` part of the first line. Another grey arrow points from the text 'Scroll a word across the display, like 'Hello'' to the `'Hello'` part of the third line.

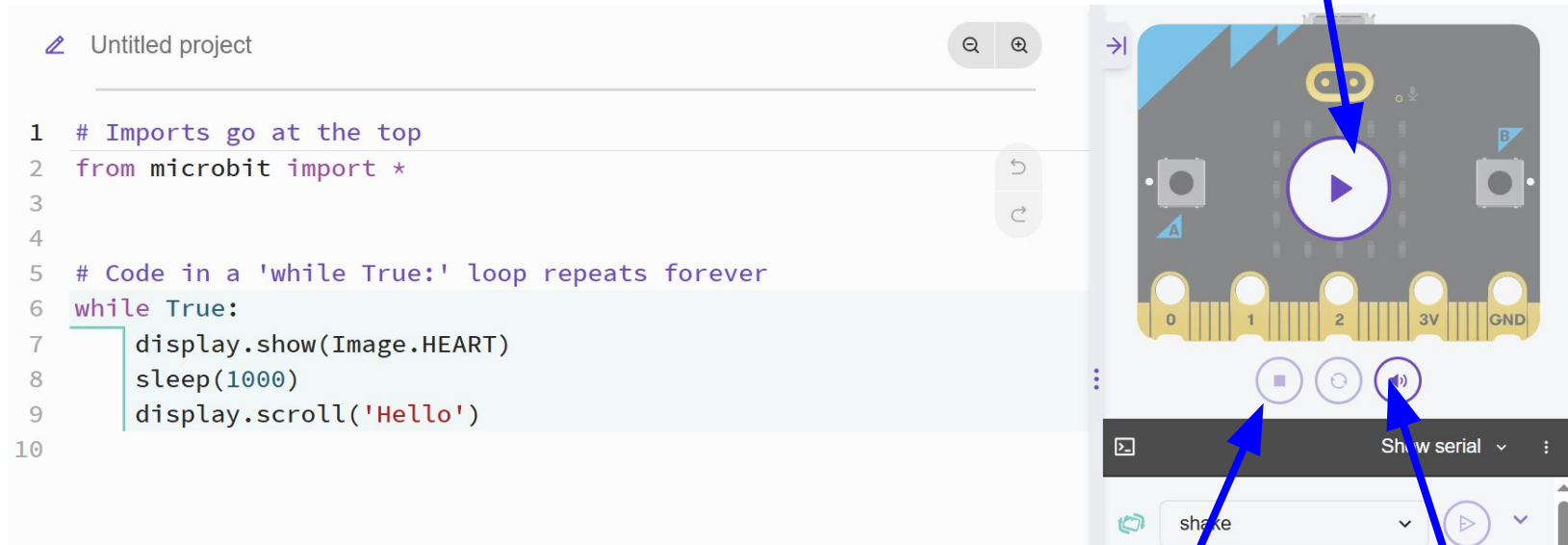
Scroll a word across the display, like 'Hello'

This code is in your **python.makecode.org** coding space - have a look

It's indented in a while loop - so it will repeat forever

Using the Simulator

- **Click the arrow on the Simulator to run the code**
- A heart is displayed for 1 second and then 'Hello'



We can run our code on the Simulator or the real micro:bit!

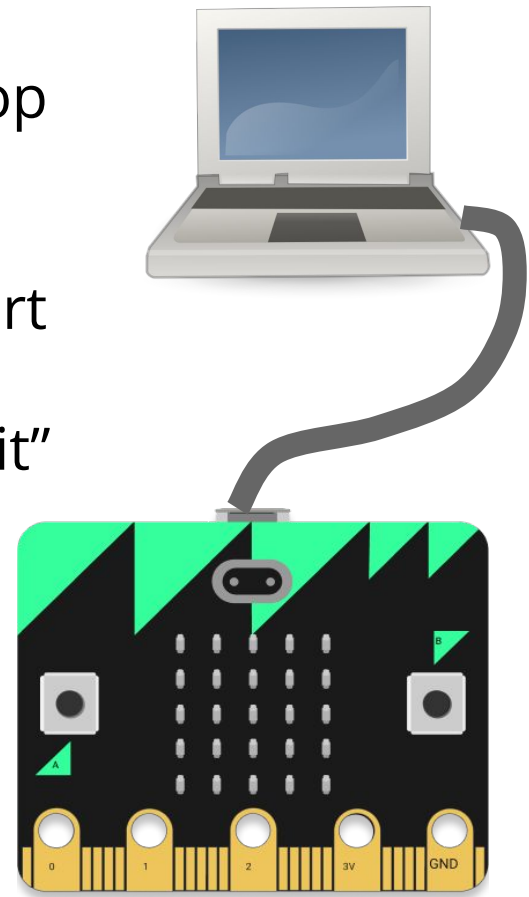
Stop, Restart, Simulator settings are underneath

Stop

Restart

Connect the Micro:Bit

- Tutors will hand out the micro:bits & cables
- Connect the small end of the cable to the top of micro:bit
- Connect the other end to computer USB port
- New micro:bits will play a “Meet the Microbit” program for you to follow:
 - Push the buttons
 - Shake
 - Tilt to catch flashing LED
 - Clap a few times
- The tutors will help you

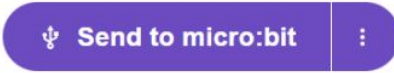


Run the code on the Micro:Bit (Chrome/Edge)

It's fun to mess around with the Micro:Bit on the simulator.
Now let's see your code on a Micro:Bit in real life!



Run your code on your Micro:Bit like this

1. Make sure your Micro:Bit is plugged into your computer
2. Click  bottom left
3. Follow the prompts
4. Choose your micro:bit and click CONNECT
5. **Wait for the red light** on the back of your micro:bit to stop flashing
6. Your code should be running on the micro:bit!

You should see a HEART displayed for 1 second and then HELLO


Want your code to start again? Press black **“reset”** button on the back



Run the code on the Micro:Bit (other browser)

This is for if you don't have the Chrome or Edge browser (eg Safari)

Run your code on your Micro:Bit like this

1. Make sure your Micro:Bit is plugged into your computer
2. Click  bottom left
3. Click Close when you get a popup
4. Name your project and click Confirm and Save
5. Follow the instructions on the popup (drag the file from your downloads folder to the MICROBIT device)
6. **Wait for the red light** on the back of your micro:bit to stop flashing
7. Your code should be running on the micro:bit!

You should see a HEART displayed for 1 second and then HELLO
Want your code to start again? Press black **“reset”** button on the back



Comments

- We use **comments** to write things in our code for humans!
- The computer ignores comments
- Comments start with a **#**

This code was written by Alex

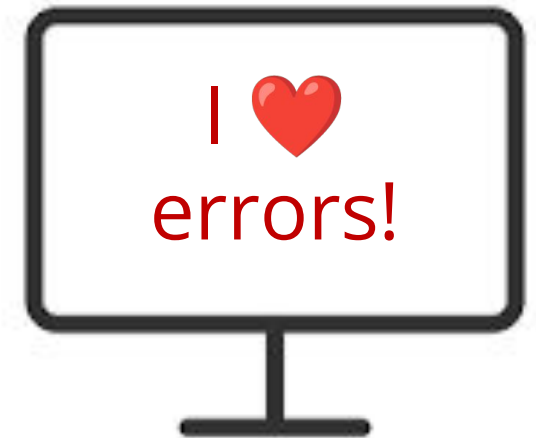
- Programmers use comments to explain what their code does
- You can 'comment out' code to stop it from running

Have a look at the code in the coding space - can you see the purple comments lines starting with the #




Mistakes are Great! Errors on the Micro:bit!

- Programmers make A LOT of errors!
- Error messages give us hints on how to fix the problem
- Mistakes don't break computers!
- Lots of unexpected words on the micro:bit is an error message
- Run on the simulator to see it better



  line 19 NameError: name 'junge'



  line 20 IndentationError: unde

We can learn from our mistakes!



1. Where the error is

2. What went wrong

- In your code - red dot at the start of the line
- Put the cursor over than line of code to get a hint



Project Time!

Let's use our MicroBit!
Try Parts 0 & 1 of your Workbook!

The tutors will be around to help!

You've already done the first task!



Intro to Programming



What is programming?



Programming is not a bunch of crazy numbers!

It's giving computers a set of instructions!



A Special Language

A language to talk to dogs!



Programming is a language to talk to computers



People are smart! Computers are dumb!

Programming is creating a set of instructions, like a recipe.

Computers do **EXACTLY** what you say, every time.

Which is great if you give them a good recipe!

SALAD INSTRUCTIONS

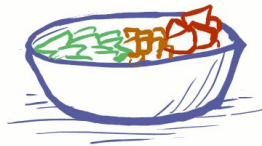
1) GET A LETTUCE HEAD, A CARROT, A TOMATO, A KNIFE, AND A BOWL



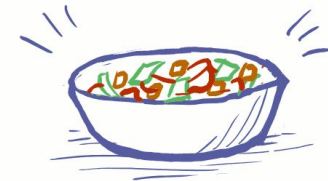
2) USE THE KNIFE TO CUT UP THE LETTUCE HEAD, CARROT, AND TOMATO



3) PUT THE LETTUCE, CARROT AND TOMATO IN THE BOWL



4) MIX THE CONTENTS OF THE BOWL



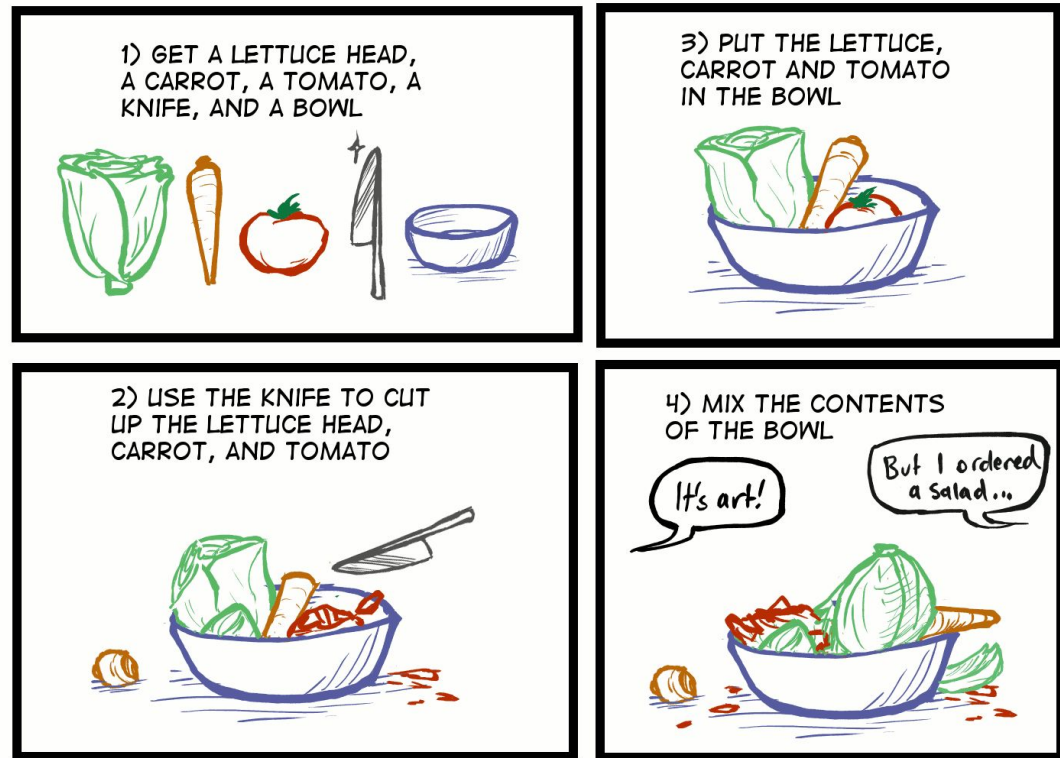
People are smart! Computers are dumb!

But if your recipe is wrong e.g. get it out of order....

A computer wouldn't know this recipe was wrong.

It would still try to make it anyway!

SALAD INSTRUCTIONS



People are smart! Computers are dumb!

Computers are bad at filling in the gaps!

A computer wouldn't know something was missing, it would just freak out!

SALAD INSTRUCTIONS



Everyone & everything has strengths!



How is the human brain different from a computer's brain?

Everyone & everything has strengths!



- Understand instructions very well despite spelling mistakes or typos
- Solve hard problems
- Invent computers and tell them what to do!
- Get smarter by learning



- Only does exactly what humans tell it
- Does it the same way every time
- Will work endlessly
- Really good at being repetitive
- REALLY fast
- Get smarter when humans tell it how



Variables



No Storing is Boring!

It's useful to be able to remember things for later!

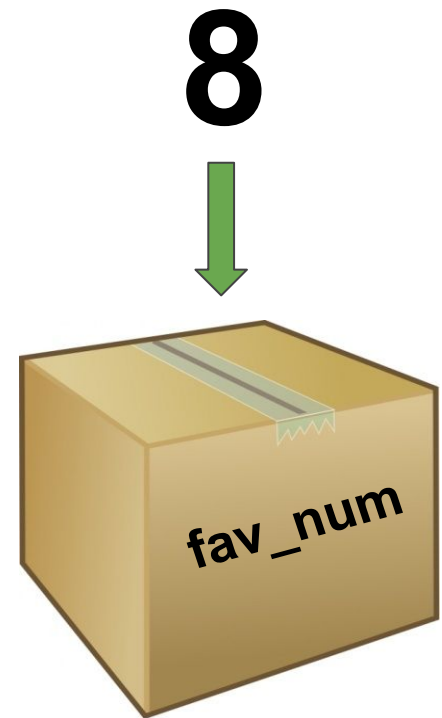
Computers remember things in "**variables**"

Variables are like putting things into a labelled cardboard box.

Let's make our favourite number 8!

In our code we make a variable and set it to a value like this:

fav_num = 8



Variables



Instead of writing the number 8, we can write `fav_num`. The computer will substitute the `fav_num`'s current value.



1. `fav_num - 6`

3. `fav_num + 21`

2. `fav_num * 2`

4. `fav_num / 2`



Variables



Instead of writing the number 8, we can write fav_num.



1. fav_num - 6
2

3. fav_num + 21

2. fav_num * 2

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16

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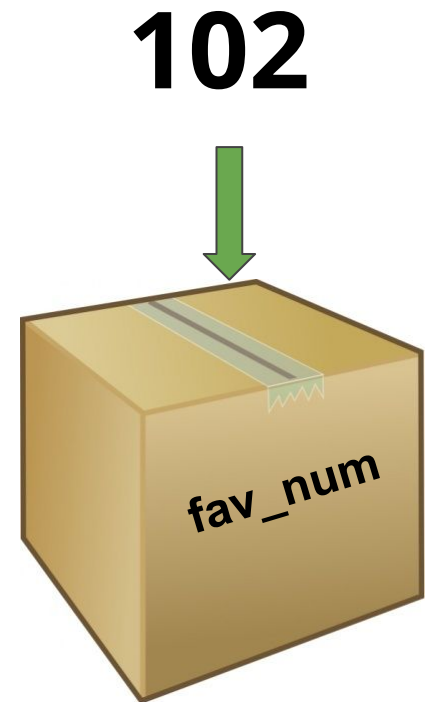
Variables

Variables are useful for storing things that change

Variables contain data that "vary" - hence the word "variable".

Let's change fav_num to **102**.

fav_num = 102



Variables

We're able to use our code for a new purpose, without rewriting everything:



1. fav_num - 6
96

3. fav_num + 21
123

2. fav_num * 2
204

4. fav_num / 2
51



Reusing variables



We can replace values in variables and print it with text:

```
animal = "dog"
display.scroll("My favourite animal is a " + animal)
animal = "cat"
display.scroll("My favourite animal is a " + animal)
animal = animal + "dog"
display.scroll("My favourite animal is a " + animal)
```

What will this output?



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```
My favourite animal is a dog
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My favourite animal is a catdog
```



Variables



Your turn!

Can you guess what each
`display.scroll` will do?

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4
```



Strings and Ints - Data Types!

Strings can have any characters in them, even just spaces!

Strings are surrounded by quotes (" or ')

```
"Hello, world!"      "bla bla bla"      "abcd1234"
```

```
":)"      "'I can use single quotes too!'"
```

Integers are whole numbers in python - no quotes (")

We can do maths with **integers** but not **strings**.

```
1      0      22      954865746
```

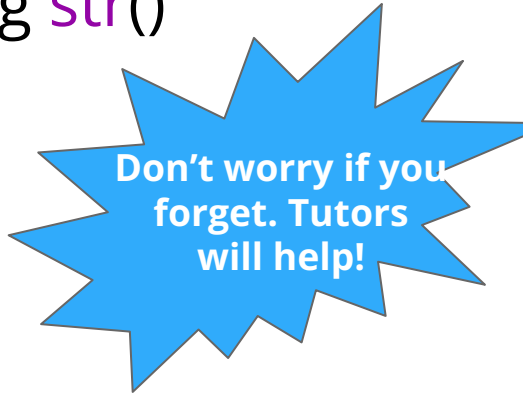


Strings and Ints!

Sometimes we need to turn a string into an integer and vice versa so we can use them as we want to in the code

- we can turn a **string** into an **integer** using **int()**
- we can turn an **integer** into a **string** using **str()**

You'll be doing this in your code!



Don't worry if you forget. Tutors will help!



Scroll... Scroll... Scroll... on the micro:bit

Words are too big to display within a 5x5 grid of lights.

Remember we can display words with **display.scroll()**.

```
display.scroll('Hello World')
```

Sometimes the text scrolls across too slowly - you can speed it up with **delay**.

```
display.scroll('Hello World', delay=100)
```

A smaller delay (eg 100 results in faster scrolling).

The default speed is 150!

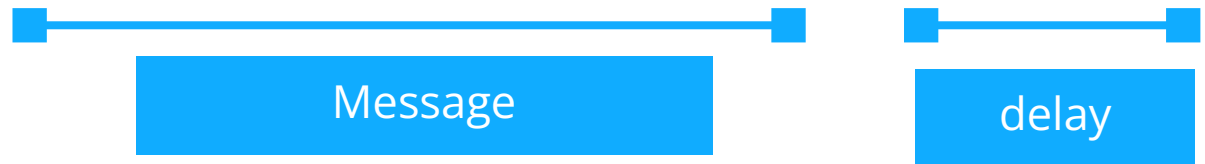


Multiple Instructions

What happens if we want to change the speed **AND** join variables with strings?

This is how you would do it! :)

```
win_count = 3  
display.scroll('Wins: ' + str(win_count), delay=75)
```



See that we need to use **str()** to convert the number win_count to a string before we can join it (+) with the the other string!



Sleep... zzz! ... on the micro:bit

Computers are really fast, sometimes our program moves too quickly to enjoy it!

For example:

```
display.show(Image.HAPPY)
sleep(1000)
display.show(Image.SAD)
sleep(1000)
display.show(Image.CONFUSED)
sleep(1000)
```

Without a sleep, the computer will run through the code so quickly, and we will only see a CONFUSED face.

We can slow it down by using **sleep()**

Sleep is done in milliseconds (so the number of seconds x 1000)

Different data!

There are lots of types of data! Our main 4 ones are these:

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b = 2
display.scroll(a + b)
3
```

Floats

Decimal numbers for maths

```
a = 1.5
b = 2.0
display.scroll(a / b)
0.75
```

Booleans

For **True** and **False**

```
boring = False
a = 5 > 3
display.scroll(a)
True
```



Project Time!

Let's use our MicroBit!
Try Part 2 of your Workbook!

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If Statements



Conditions!

Conditions let us make a decision.

First we test if the condition is met!

Then maybe we'll do the thing



If it's raining take an umbrella

Yep it's raining

..... take an umbrella

Booleans (True and False)

Computers store whether a condition is met in the form of

True and **False**

To figure out if something is **True** or **False** we do a comparison

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Looping

So to know whether to do something, they find out if it's **True**!

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Is it **True** that fave_num is less than 10?

- Well, fave_num is 5
- And it's **True** that 5 is less than 10
- So it is **True**!



Conditions

So to know whether to do something, they find out if it's **True**!

```
fave_num = 5
if True:
    print("that's a small number")
```

Put in the
answer to
the question

Is it **True** that fave_num is less than 10?

- Well, fave_num is 5
- And it's **True** that 5 is less than 10
- So it is **True**!



Conditions

So to know whether to do something, they find out if it's **True**!

```
fave_num = 5
if True:
    print("that's a small number")
```

What do you think happens?

```
>>>
```

Conditions

So to know whether to do something, they find out if it's **True**!

```
fave_num = 5
if True:
    print("that's a small number")
```

What do you think happens?

```
>>> that's a small number
```



Conditions

How about a different number???

```
fave_num = 9000  
if fave_num < 10:  
    print("that's a small number")
```



Conditions

Find out if it's **True**!

```
fave_num = 9000  
if False:  
    print("that's a small number")
```

Put in the
answer to
the question

Is it **True** that fave_num is less than 10?

- Well, fave_num is 9000
- And it's not **True** that 9000 is less than 10
- So it is **False**!



Conditions

How about a different number???

```
fave_num = 9000  
if fave_num < 10:  
    display.scroll("that's a small  
    number")
```



What do you think happens?

```
>>>
```

Conditions

How about a different number???

```
fave_num = 9000  
if fave_num < 10:  
    display.scroll("that's a small  
    number")
```



What do you think happens?

```
>>>
```



Nothing!



If statements

```
fave_num = 5  
if fave_num < 10:  
    display.scroll("that's a small number")
```

This line ...

... controls this line



If statements

Actually

This line ...

```
fave_num = 5
if fave_num < 10:
    display.scroll("that's a small number")
    display.scroll("and I like that")
    display.scroll("A LOT!!")
```

... controls anything below it
that is indented like this!



If statements

```
fave_num = 5
if fave_num < 10:
    display.scroll("that's a small number")
    display.scroll("and I like that")
    display.scroll("A LOT!!")
```

What do you think happens?

>>>



If statements

```
fave_num = 5
if fave_num < 10:
    display.scroll("that's a small number")
    display.scroll("and I like that")
    display.scroll("A LOT!!")
```

```
>>> that's a small number
>>> and I like that
>>> A LOT!!
```



If statements

```
word = "GPN"  
if word == "GPN":  
    display.scroll("GPN is awesome!")
```

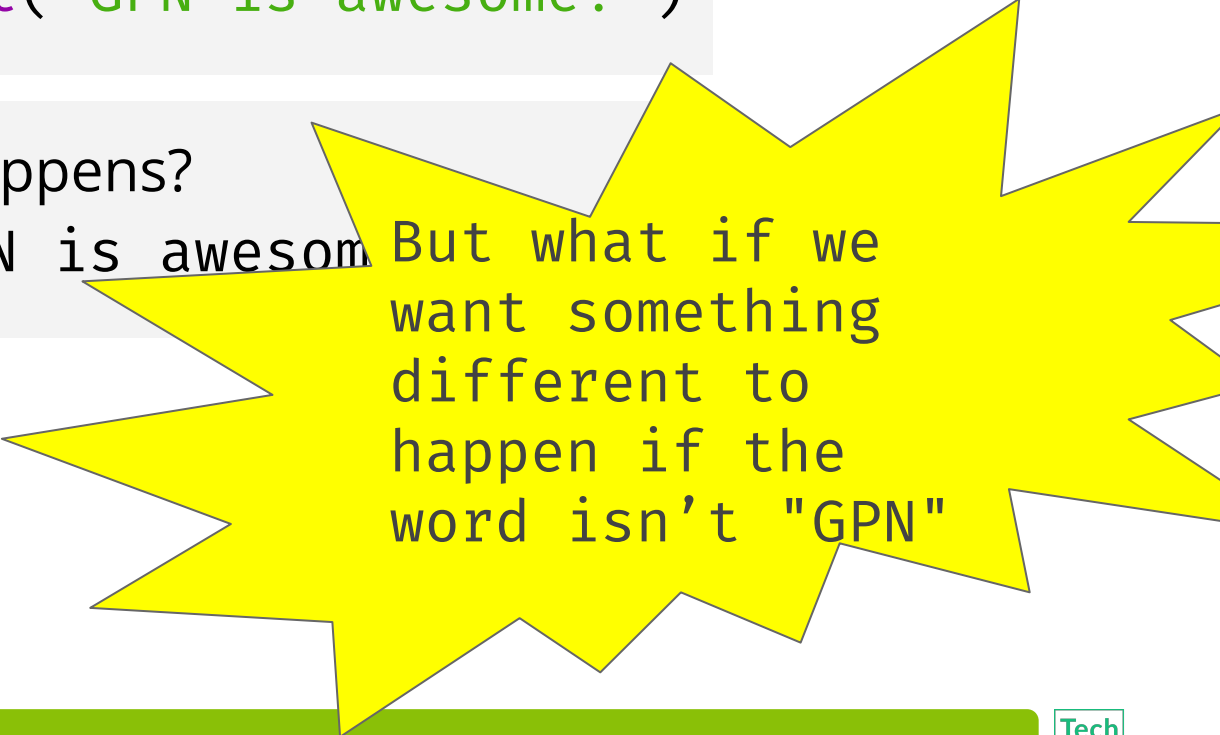
What happens?

If statements

```
word = "GPN"  
if word == "GPN":  
    print("GPN is awesome!")
```

What happens?

```
>>> GPN is awesome
```



But what if we
want something
different to
happen if the
word isn't "GPN"

Else statements

else
statements
means something
still happens if
the **if** statement
was **False**

```
word = "Chocolate"  
if word == "GPN":  
    print("GPN is awesome!")  
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```

What happens?

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```
word = "Chocolate"  
if word == "GPN":  
    print("GPN is awesome!")  
else:  
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```

What happens?

```
>>> The word isn't GPN :(
```

Elif statements

elif

Means we can
give specific
instructions for
other words

```
word = "Chocolate"
if word == "GPN":
    print("GPN is awesome!")
elif word == "Chocolate":
    print("YUMMM Chocolate!")
else:
    print("The word isn't GPN :(")
```

What happens?



Elif statements

elif

Means we can
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```
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if word == "GPN":
    print("GPN is awesome!")
elif word == "Chocolate":
    print("YUMMM Chocolate!")
else:
    print("The word isn't GPN :(")
```

What happens?

```
>>> YUMMM Chocolate!
```



Don't forget : and ==

:

Colon at the end
of each if, elif or
else line

==

Two equals signs
if you're checking
for equals in the
condition line

```
word = "Chocolate"
if word == "GPN":
    print("GPN is awesome!")
elif word == "Chocolate":
    print("YUMMM Chocolate!")
else:
    print("The word isn't GPN :(")
```



OR

What if you wanted to check if the weather was raining or snowing, and take an umbrella for either possibility.

```
weather = "raining"  
if weather == "raining":  
    print("Take an umbrella!")  
if weather == "snowing":  
    print("Take an umbrella!")
```

This also doesn't look very nice. If you change what you're printing you have to change it twice.



OR

Instead, you can use OR

```
weather = "snowing"  
if weather == "raining" or weather == "snowing":  
    print("Take an umbrella!")
```

What happens?

```
>>>
```



OR

Instead, you can use OR

```
weather = "snowing"  
if weather == "raining" or weather == "snowing":  
    print("Take an umbrella!")
```

What happens?

```
>>> Take an umbrella!
```



While Loops



Loops



We know how to do things on repeat!

Sometimes we want to do some code on repeat!

Introducing ... while loops!

What do you think this does?

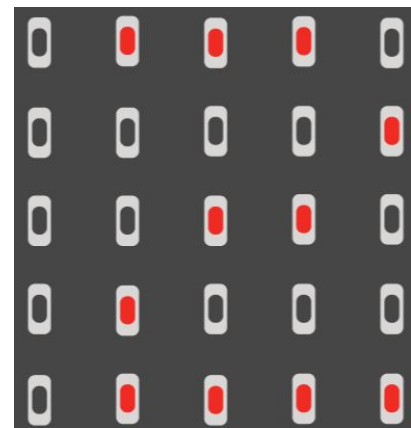
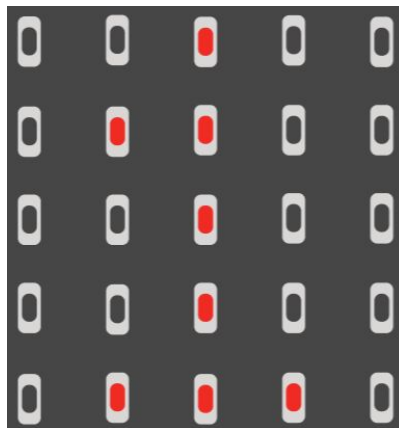
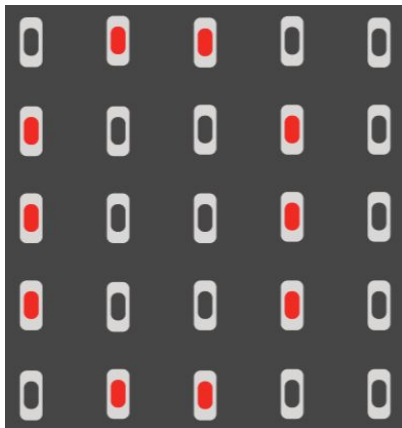
```
i = 0
while i < 3:
    display.scroll(i)
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```



Introducing ... while loops!

What do you think this does?

```
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```



Introducing ... while loops!

Stepping through a while loop...



Introducing ... while loops!

One step at a time!

```
◆ i = 0  
  while i < 3:  
    display.scroll(i)  
    i = i + 1
```

MY VARIABLES

i = 0

Set the
variable



Introducing ... while loops!

One step at a time!

0 is less
than 3!

```
i = 0
while i < 3:
    display.scroll(i)
    i = i + 1
```

MY VARIABLES

i = 0



Introducing ... while loops!

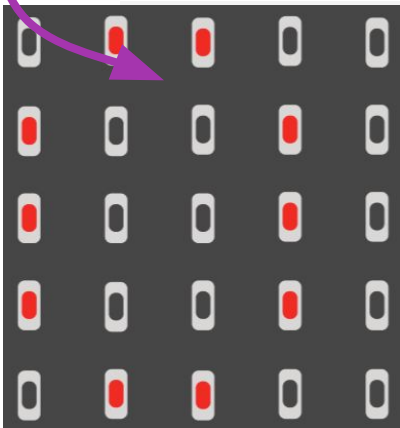
One step at a time!

Print !

```
i = 0
while i < 3:
    display.scroll(i)
    i = i + 1
```

MY VARIABLES

i = 0



Introducing ... while loops!

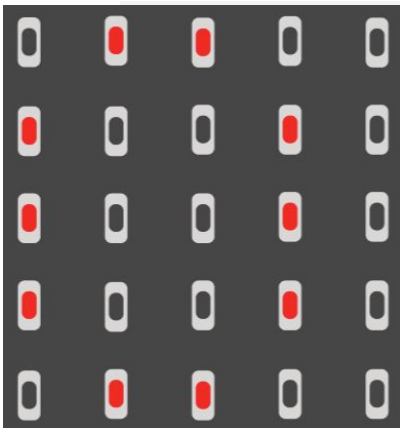
One step at a time!

```
i = 0
while i < 3:
    display.scroll(i)
    i = i + 1
```

MY VARIABLES

~~i = 0~~
i = 1

UPDATE
TIME!



Introducing ... while loops!

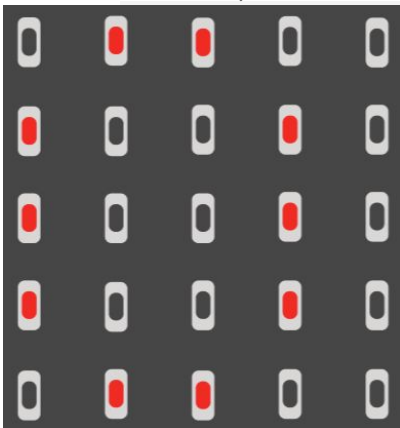
One step at a time!

Take it
from the
top!

```
i = 0
while i < 3:
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    i = i + 1
```

MY VARIABLES

```
i = 0
i = 1
```



Introducing ... while loops!

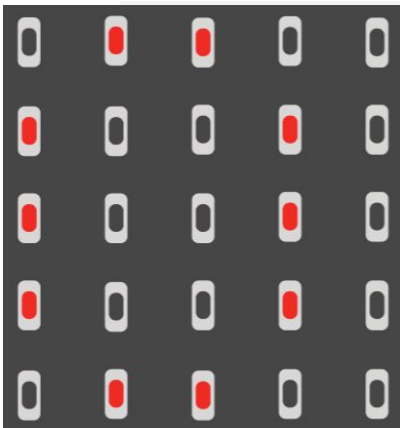
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```

MY VARIABLES

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```



Introducing ... while loops!

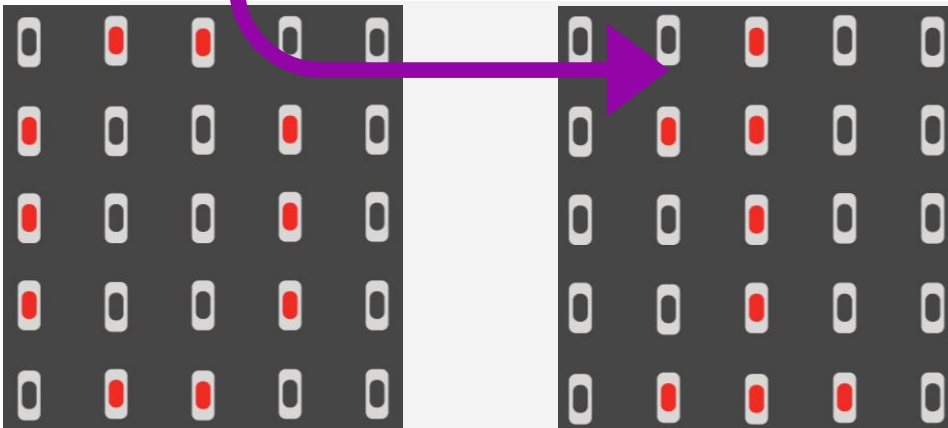
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Print !

```
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    i = i + 1
```

MY VARIABLES

```
i = 0
i = 1
```



Introducing ... while loops!

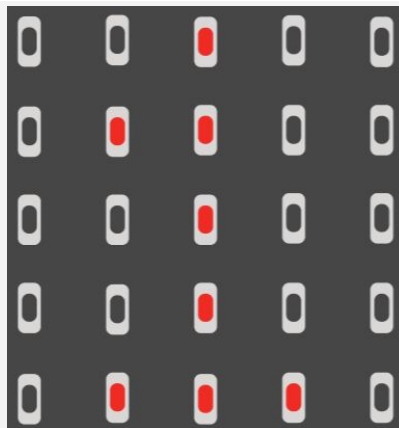
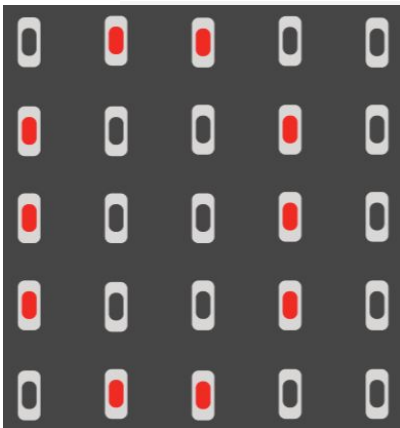
One step at a time!

```
i = 0
while i < 3:
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    i = i + 1
```

MY VARIABLES

~~i = 0~~
~~i = 1~~
i = 2

UPDATE
TIME!



Introducing ... while loops!

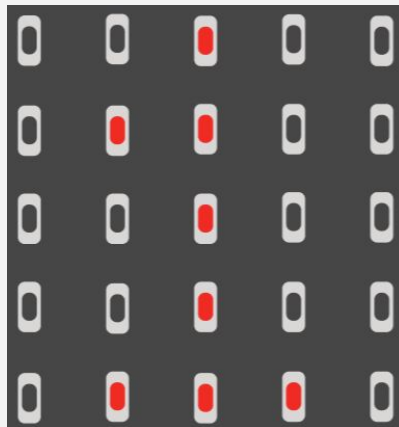
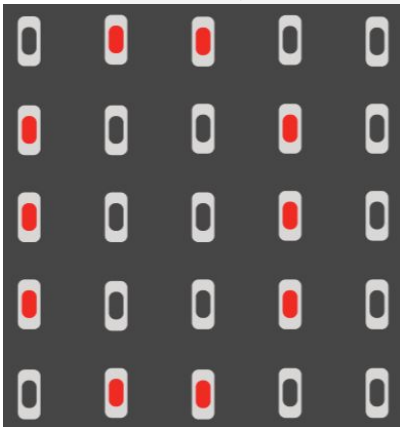
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```
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```

MY VARIABLES

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```



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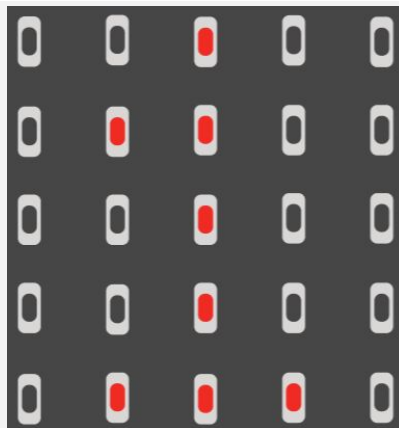
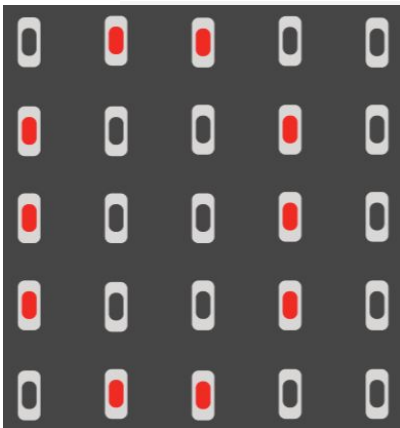
One step at a time!

2 is less
than 3!

```
◆ i = 0
  while i < 3:
    display.scroll(i)
    i = i + 1
```

MY VARIABLES

```
i = 0
i = 1
i = 2
```



Introducing ... while loops!

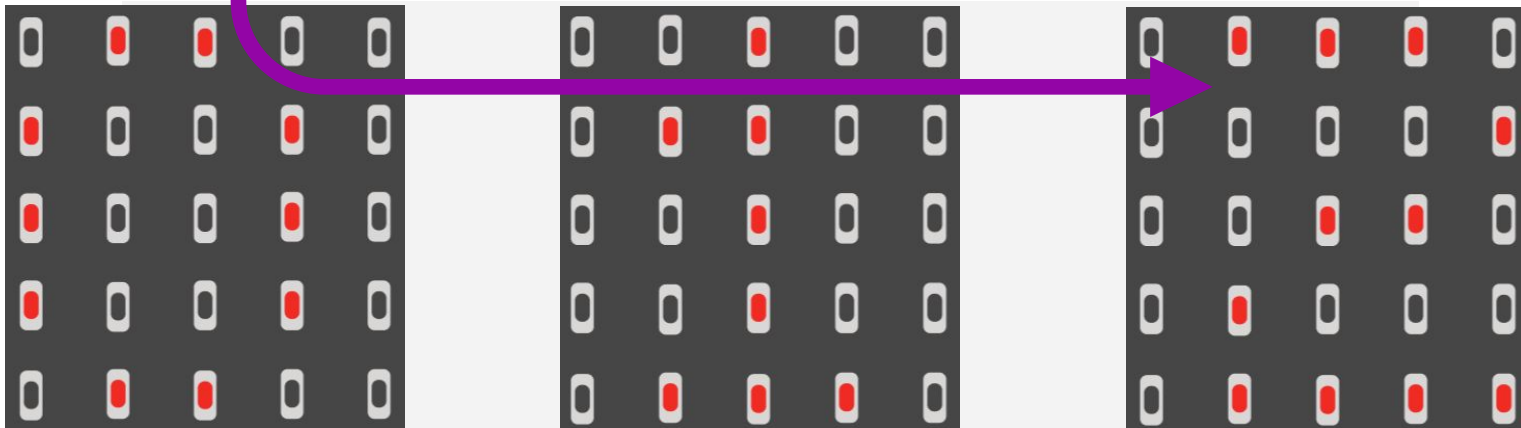
One step at a time!

Print !

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while i < 3:
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```

MY VARIABLES

```
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i = 2
```



Introducing ... while loops!

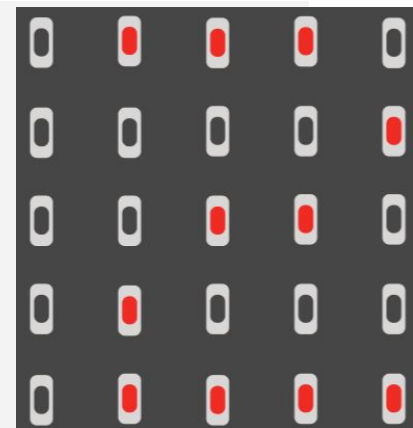
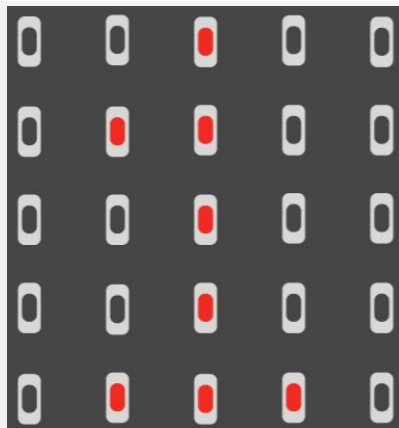
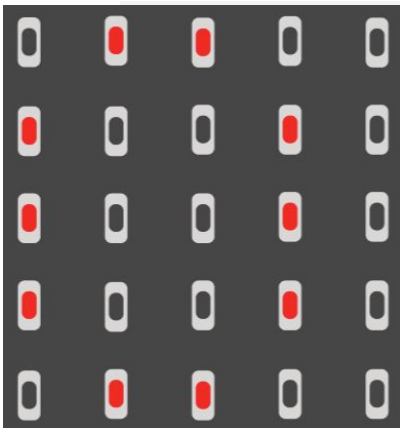
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UPDATE
TIME!



Introducing ... while loops!

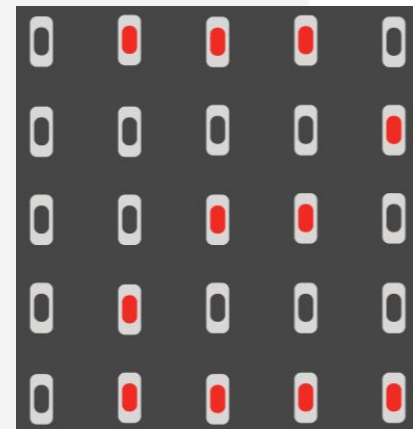
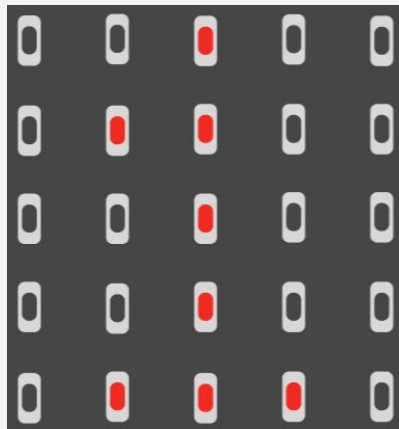
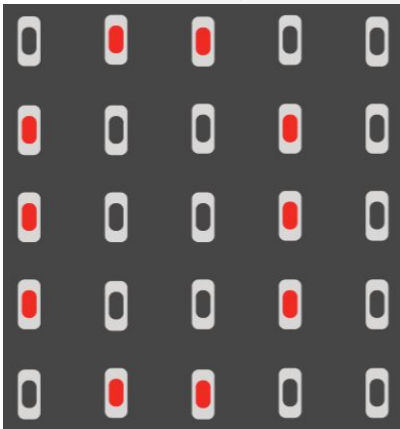
One step at a time!

Take it
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top!

```
i = 0
while i < 3:
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```

MY VARIABLES

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```



Introducing ... while loops!

One step at a time!

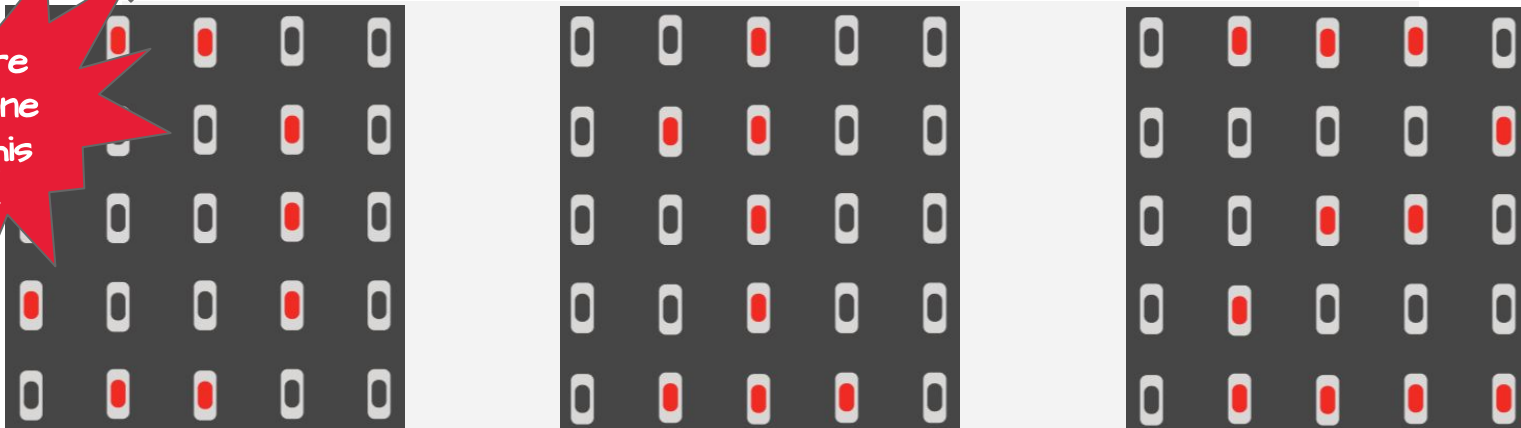
3 IS NOT
less than
3!

```
i = 0
while i < 3:
    display.scroll(i)
    i = i + 1
```

MY VARIABLES

```
i = 0
i = 1
i = 2
i = 3
```

We are
done
with this
loop!



Introducing ... while loops!

Initialise the loop variable

Loop condition

```
i = 0
```

```
while i < 3:
```

Code to repeat

```
    display.scroll(i)
```

```
    i = i + 1
```

Update the loop variable



What happens when.....

What happens if we forget to update the loop variable?

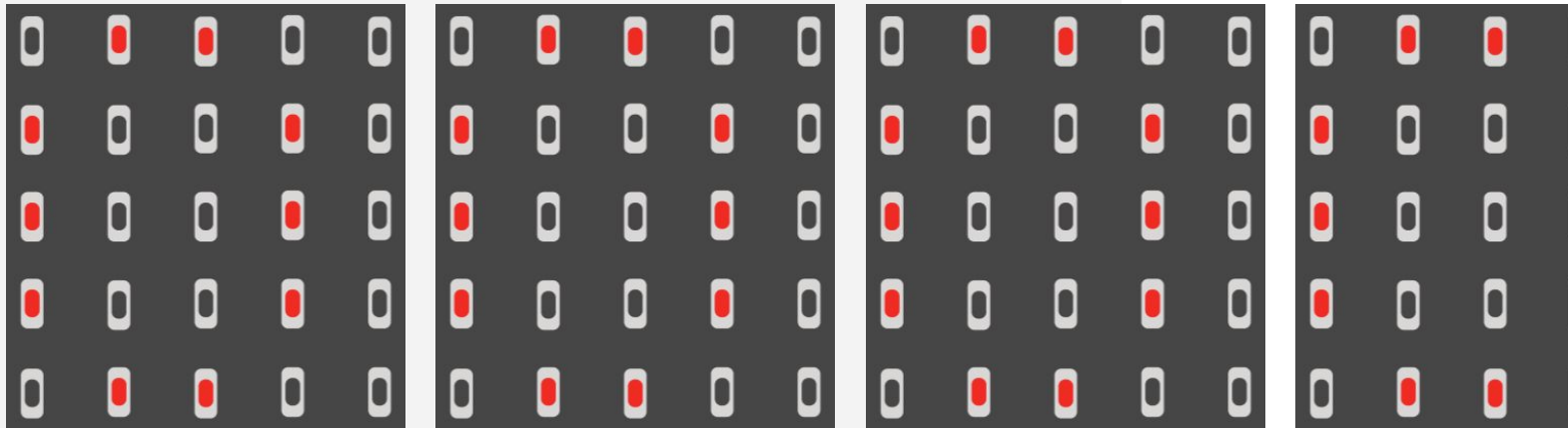
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```



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Infinite loop!

Sometimes we want our loop to go forever!

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```
while True:  
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```

Are we there



Give me a break!

But what if I wanna get out of a loop early?
That's when we use the **break** keyword!

```
from microbit import *  
while True:  
    display.show(Image.HAPPY)  
  
    if button_a.is_pressed():  
        break  
  
display.clear()
```



Continuing on

How about if I wanna skip the rest of the loop body and loop again? We use `continue` for that!

```
number = 0
while number != 42 :
    number = input("Guess a number: ")

    if not number.isnumeric():
        print("That's not a number!")
        print("Try again")
        continue

    number = int(number)
```



Project Time!

while we're here:

See if you can do Part 3

The tutors will be around to help!



Micro:Bit Inputs



Conditions!

Conditions let us make a decision.

First we test if the condition is met!

Then maybe we'll do the thing



If it's raining take an umbrella

Yep it's raining

..... take an umbrella

Booleans (True and False)

Computers store whether a condition is met in the form of

True and **False**

To figure out if something is **True** or **False** we do a comparison

`5 < 10`

`3 + 2 == 5`

`5 != 5`

`"Dog" == "dog"`

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Conditions

So to know whether to do something, they find out if it's **True**!

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- Well, fave_num is 5
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Put in the
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Conditions

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```
fave_num = 5
if True
    display.scroll("that's a small number")
```

What do you think happens?

```
>>>
```



Conditions

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```
fave_num = 5
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```

What do you think happens?

```
>>> that's a small number
```



Buttons!

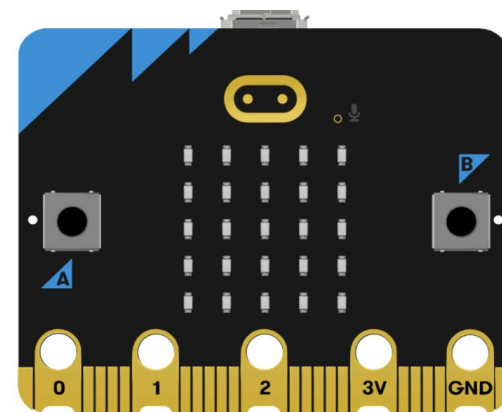
Your Micro:Bit has 2 buttons: Button A and Button B

You can use this code to check if a button is pressed:

```
if button_a.was_pressed():
```

```
    If button_b.was_pressed():
```

The statement will be **TRUE** if the button is being pressed at that time and it will be **FALSE** if it is *not* being pressed



Buttons!

What do you think this code does?

```
if button_a.was_pressed():  
    display.show(Image.HAPPY)  
  
if button_b.was_pressed():  
    display.show(Image.SAD)
```

If **button a** is pressed when the Micro:Bit gets to this line of code then what happens?

If **button b** is pressed when the Micro:Bit gets to this line of code then what happens

What do you think happens if *both* button a AND button b are being pressed?



Buttons!

What do you think this code does?

```
if button_a.was_pressed():  
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if button_b.was_pressed():  
    display.show(Image.SAD)
```

If **button a** is pressed when the Micro:Bit gets to this line of code then what happens?

The Micro:Bit shows a Happy face

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What do you think happens if *both* button a AND button b are being pressed?



Buttons!

What do you think this code does?

```
if button_a.was_pressed():  
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Accelerometer!

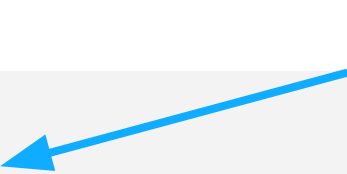
Your micro:bit has a motion sensor (accelerometer).

This sensor has the ability to detect when you shake it or tilt it left to right, backwards and forwards and up and down.

We can use a **while loop** in your code like this to continually check if the micro:bit has been shaken:

```
while True:
    if accelerometer.was_gesture('shake'):
```

Information
from the sensor



Accelerometer!

What do you think this code does?

```
while True:  
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It will display 'I'm getting dizzy' every time the micro:bit is shaken

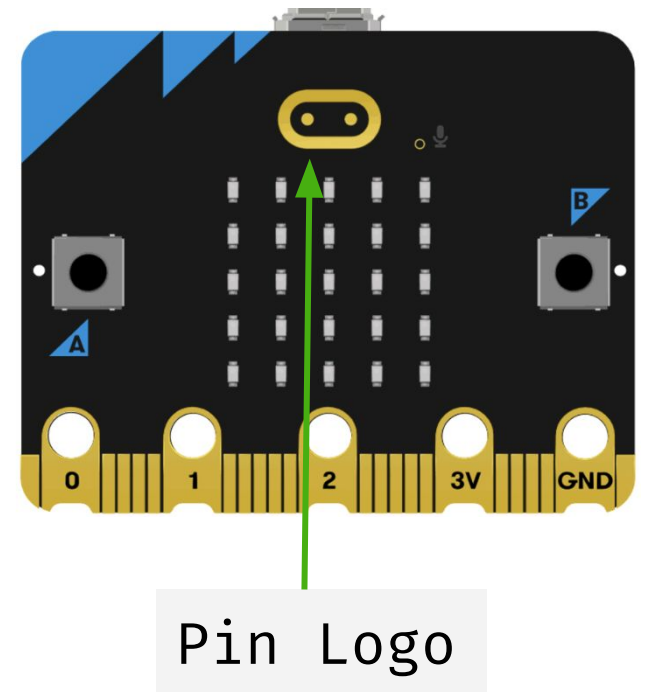


Pin Logo!

Your Micro:Bit has touch sensitive pin logo at the top of the Micro:bit.

You can use this code to check if the pin logo is being touched.

```
if pin_logo.is_touched():
```



Pin Logo!

What do you think this code does?

```
while True:
    if pin_logo.is_touched():
        display.show(image.DUCK)
    else:
        display.clear()
```



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While the pin is being touched, the duck is displayed on the microbit screen.

While the pin is not being touched, the screen is blank.



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10,500



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`"55"`



Project Time!

Does that press your buttons?

Try to do Parts 4-9!

The tutors will be around to help!



Tell us what you think!

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