Welcome to the labs!

Tamagotchi! - Micro:bits

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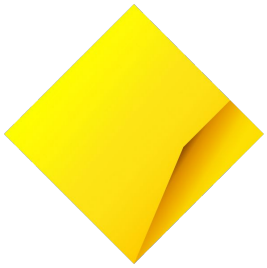


Commonwealth Bank

Who are the tutors?

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 

Link for printing BINGO sheet

Log on

Log on and jump on the GPN website

girlsprogramming.network/workshop

Click on your location

Tell us you're here!

Click on the
Start of Day Survey
and fill it in now!

Start of Day survey

Log on

Click on your Room picture

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!**

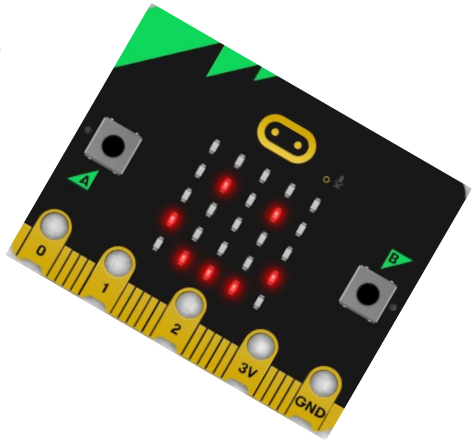
Something to try if you have spare time before the next lecture!

Today’s project!

Tamagotchi - Micro:Bit

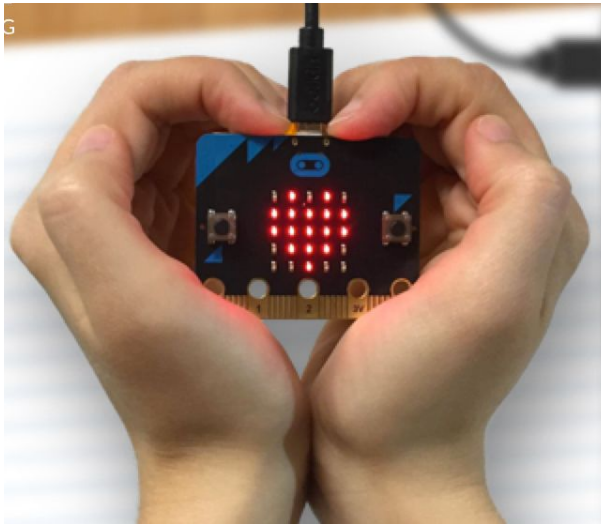
Tamagotchi

- 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

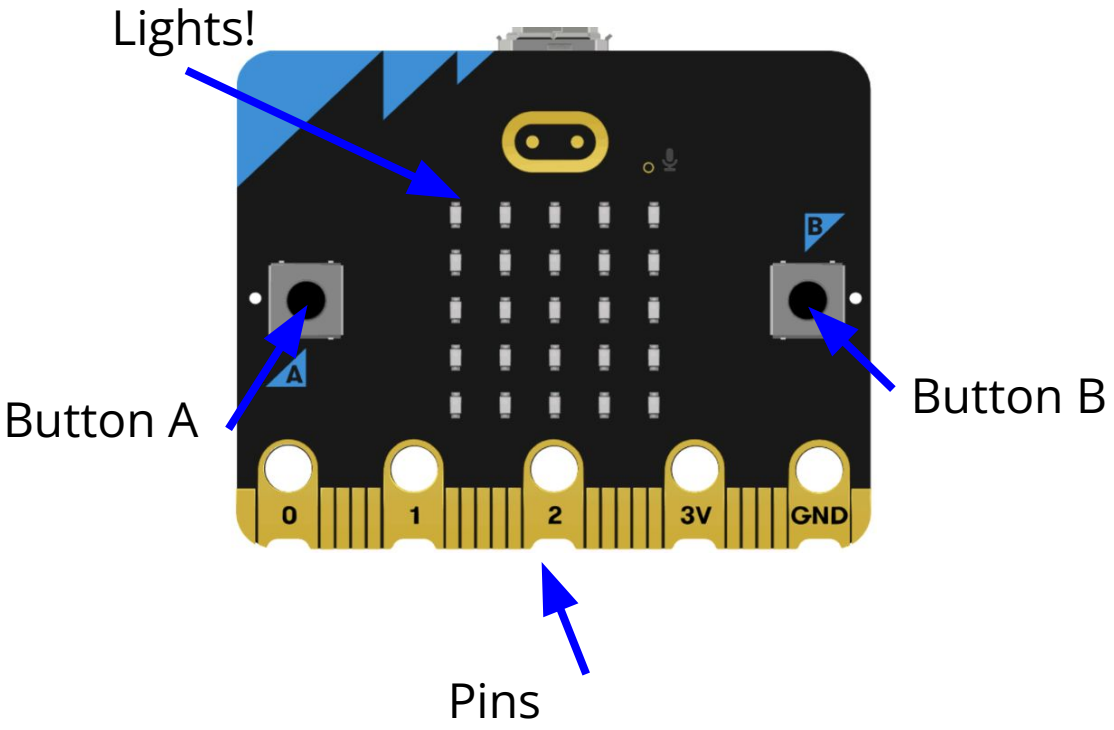
What is a Micro:Bit?

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

Front



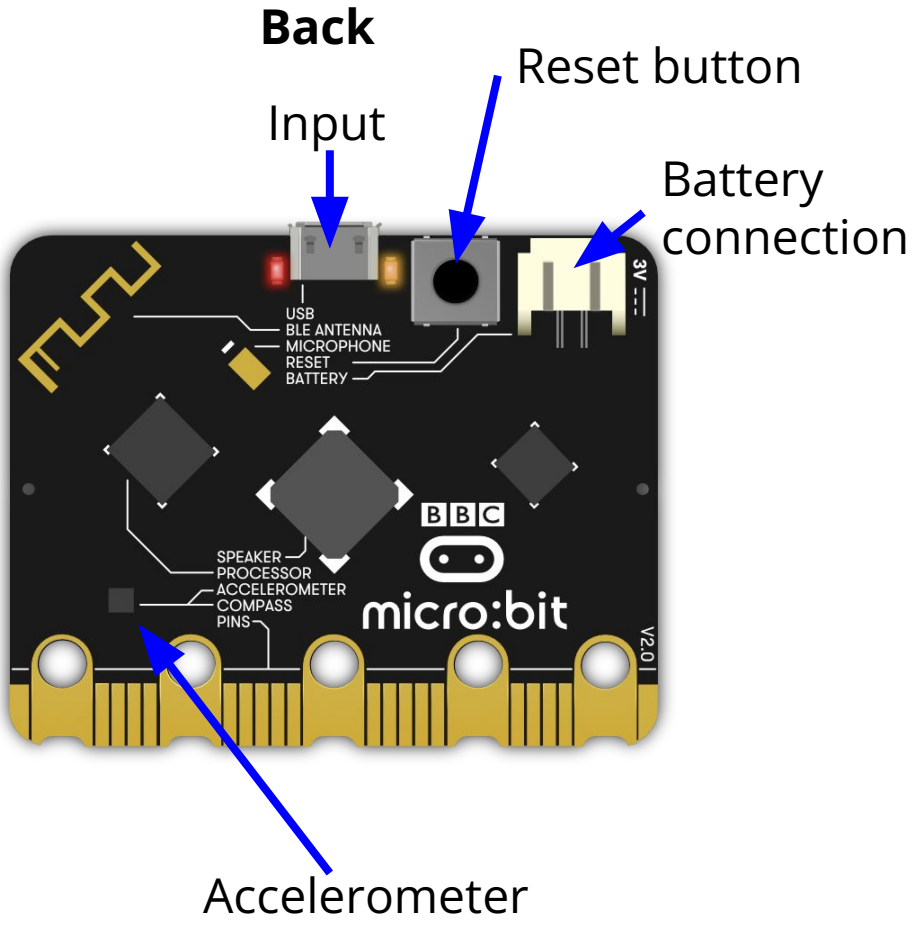
What is a Micro:Bit?

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.

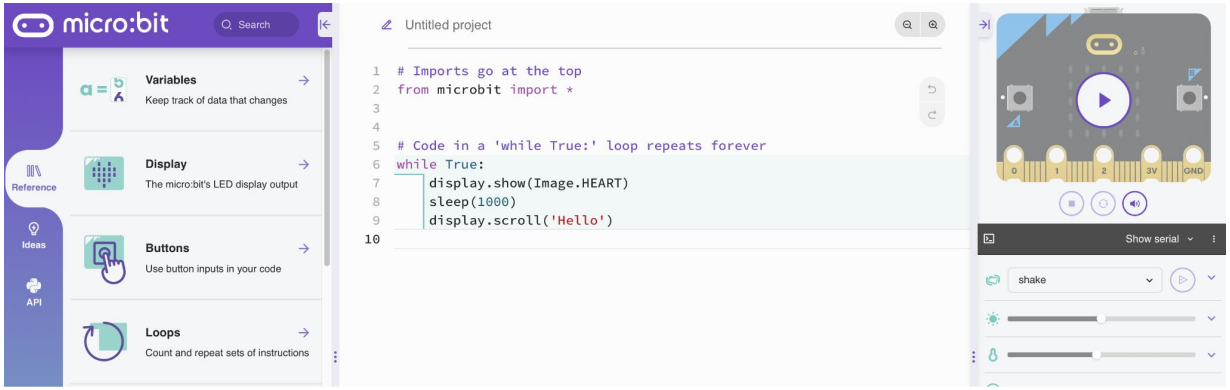
Accelerometer: The Micro:bit can tell us when it is **accelerated** - so it knows when we shake it!



Using python.microbit.org

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

Go to python.microbit.org



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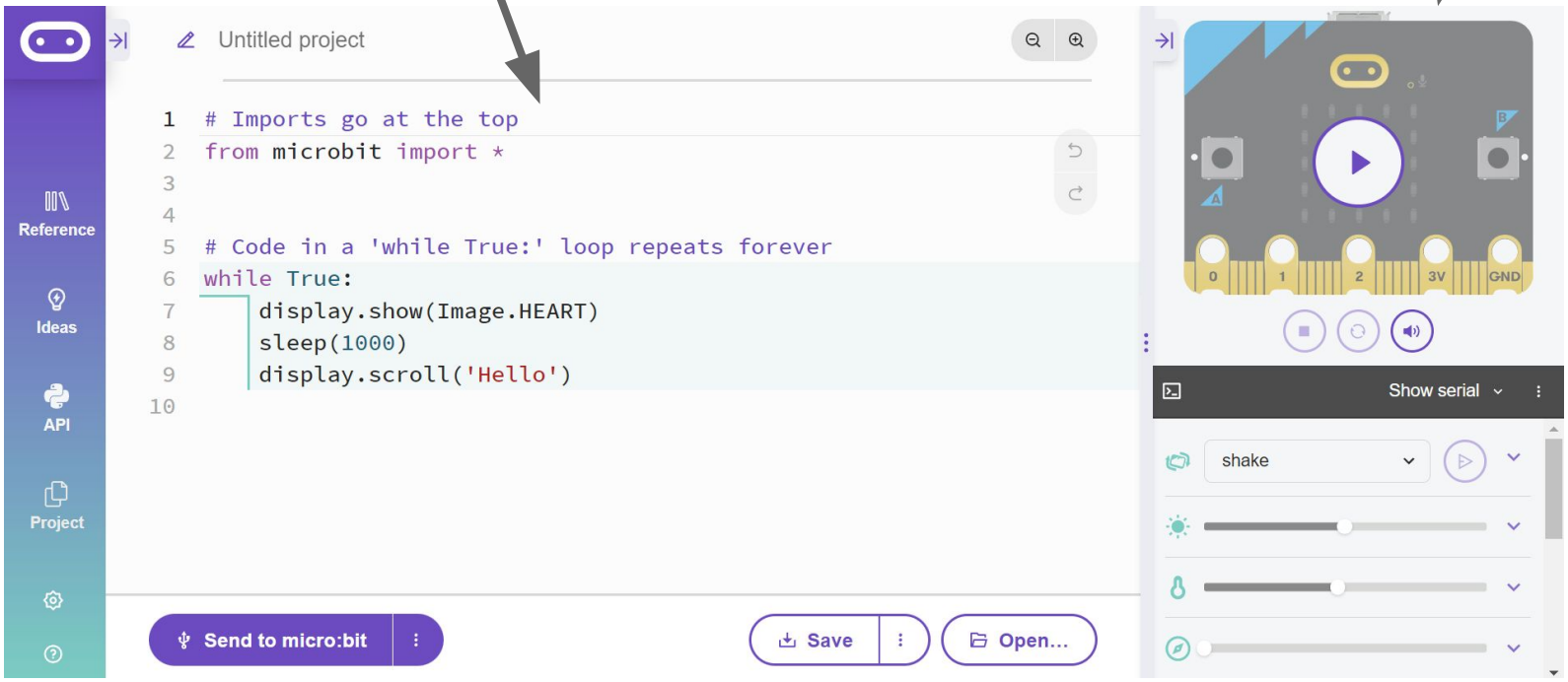
python.microbit.org

This is where we code

This is the simulator where we test our code



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')
```

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’

Untitled project

```
1  # Imports go at the top
2  from microbit import *
3
4
5  # Code in a 'while True:' loop repeats forever
6  while True:
7      display.show(Image.HEART)
8      sleep(1000)
9      display.scroll('Hello')
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```
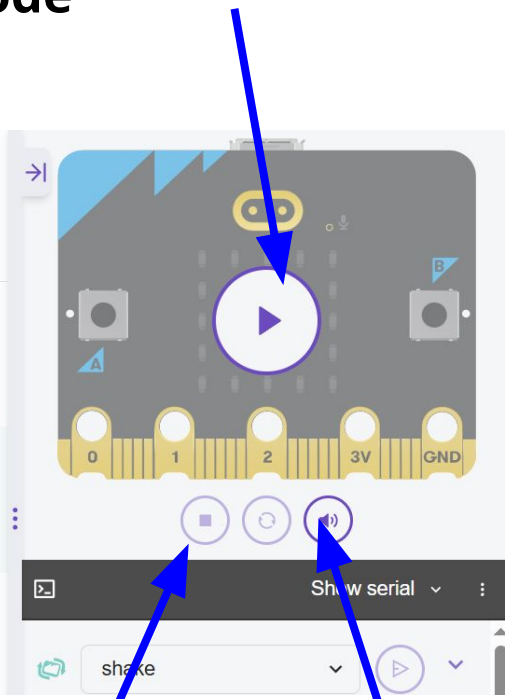



We can run our code on the Simulator or the real micro:bit!

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!

Chrome or Edge

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

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).

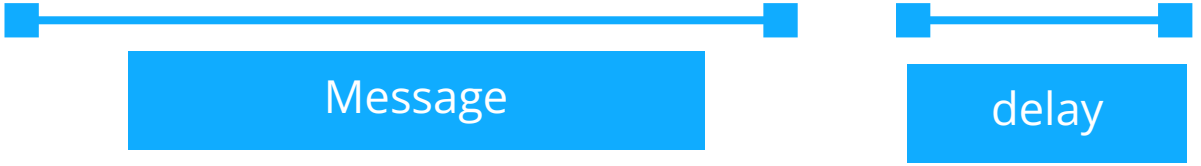
The default speed is 150!

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)

Comments

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

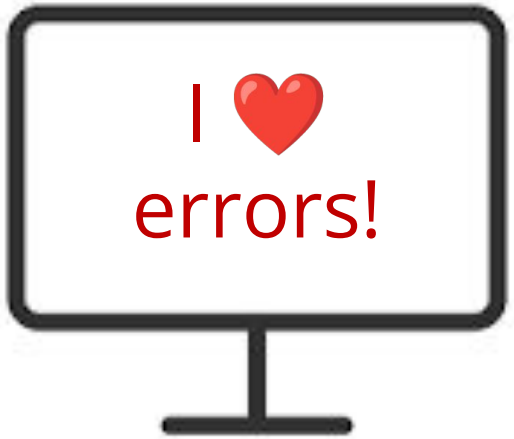
```
# This code was written by Alex
```

- 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 #

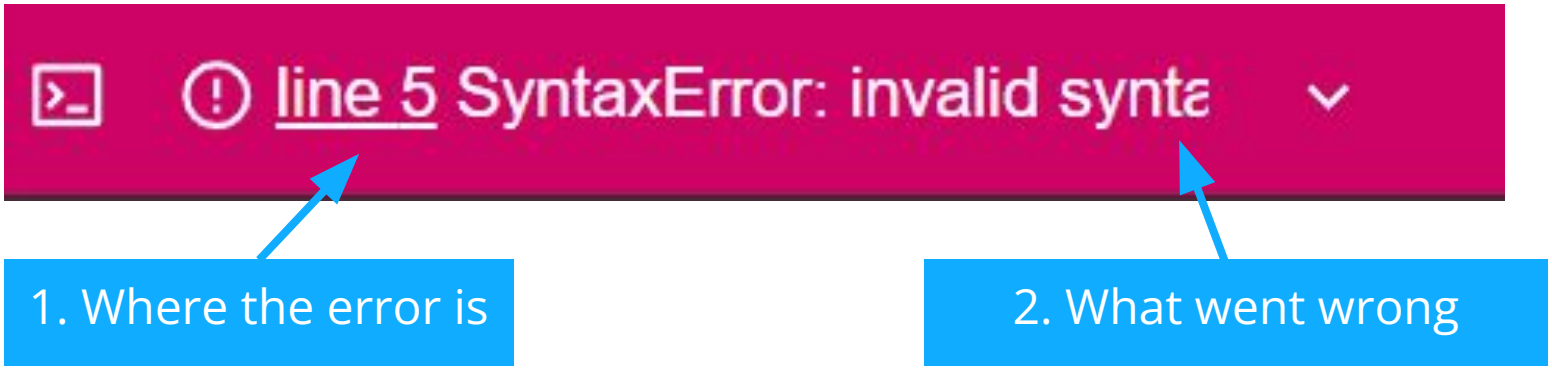
Mistakes are Great! Errors on the Micro:bit!

- 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

We can learn from our mistakes!



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

```
5  display.scroll('Welcome to Tamagotchi)
6  name = "zoey"
```

String is not closed — missing quotation mark

Project Time!

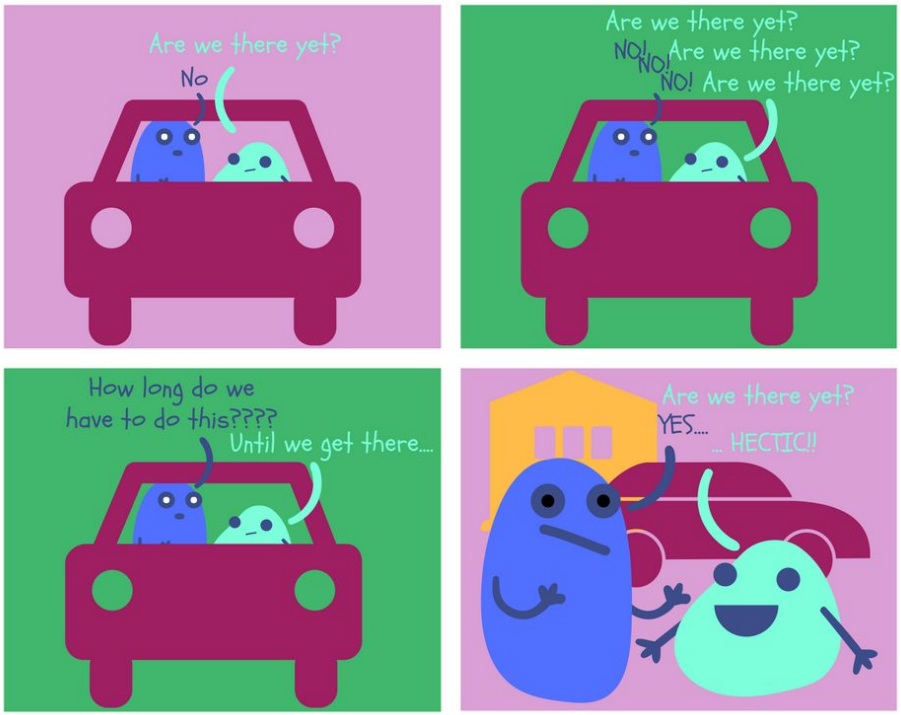
Let's use our MicroBit!

Try Parts 0 & 1 of your Workbook!

The tutors will be around to help!

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?

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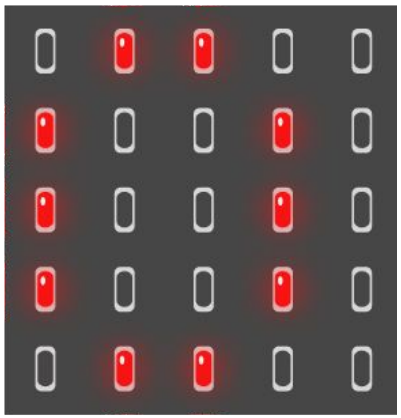

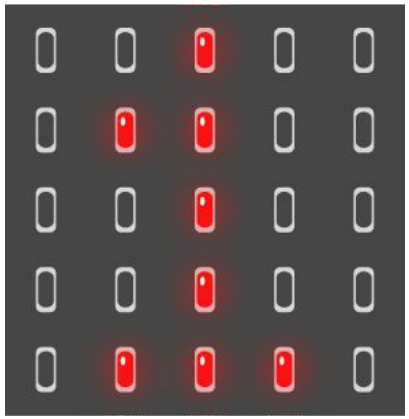

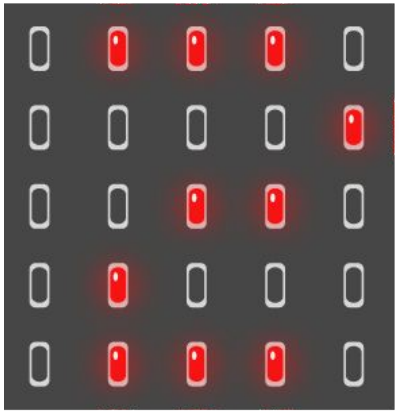

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Stepping through a while loop…

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One step at a time!

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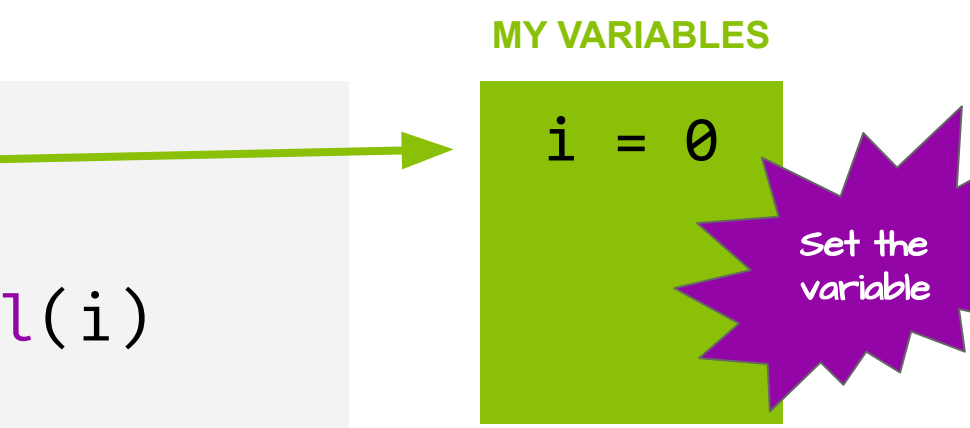

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MY VARIABLES

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i = 0
```

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Print !

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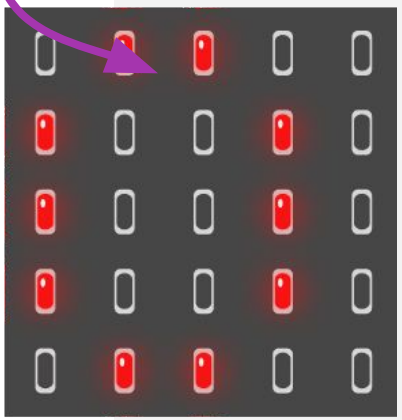

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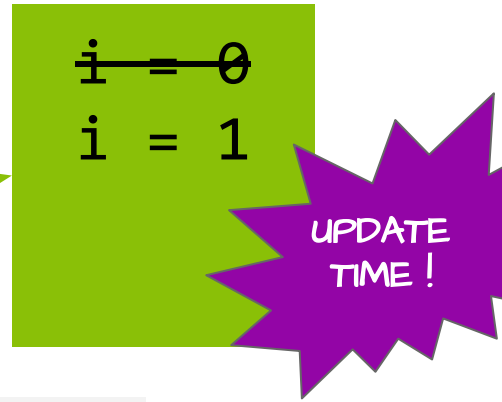

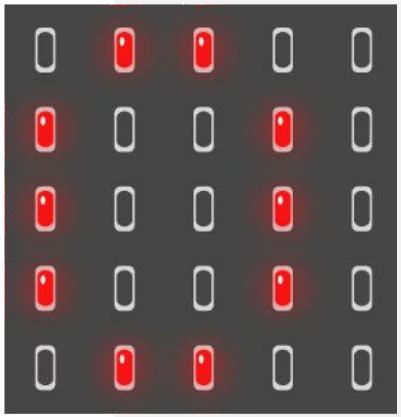

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Take it from the top!

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```
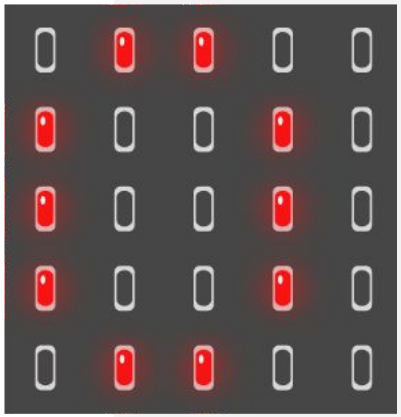

MY VARIABLES

~~i = 0~~

i = 1



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I is less than 3 !

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```

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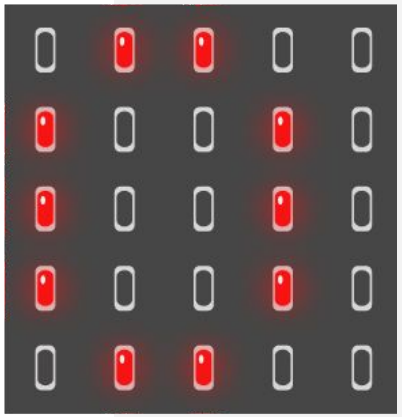
i = 1



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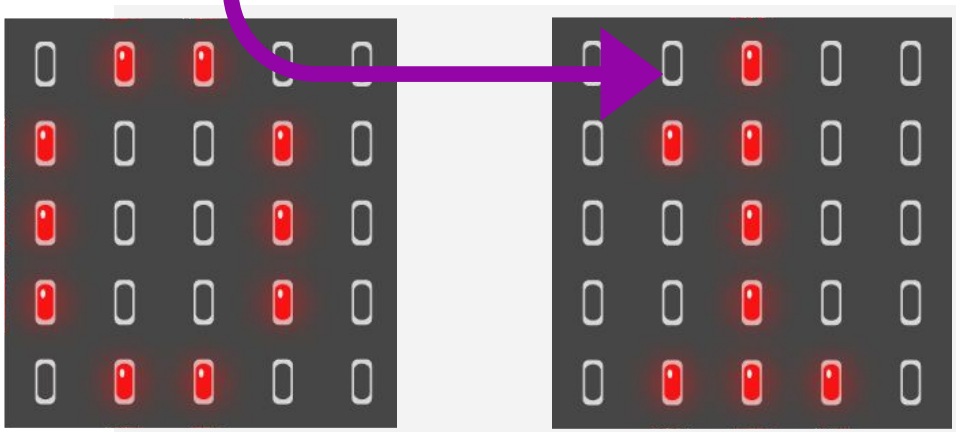

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```

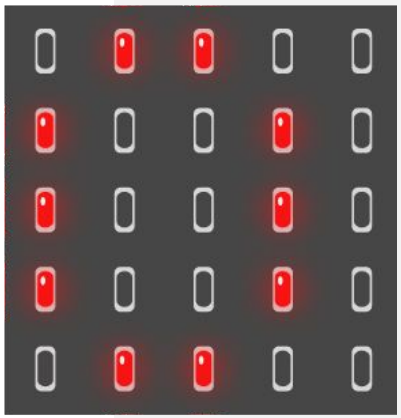
MY VARIABLES

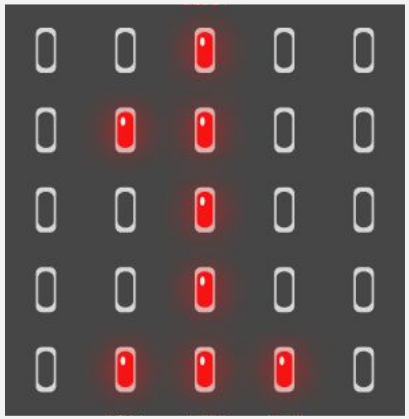
~~i = 0~~

~~i = 1~~

i = 2

UPDATE TIME !





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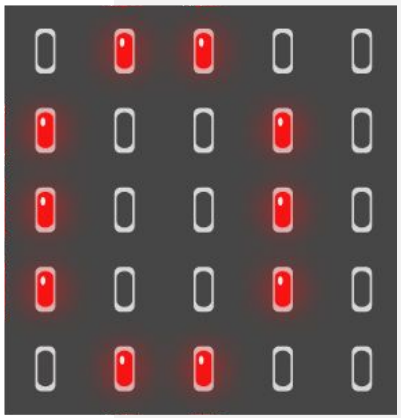

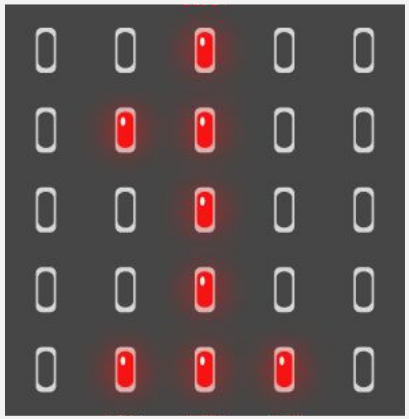

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2 is less than 3 !

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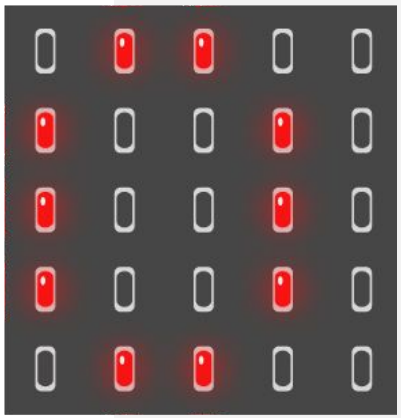

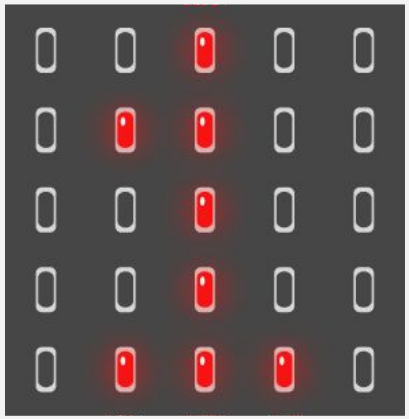

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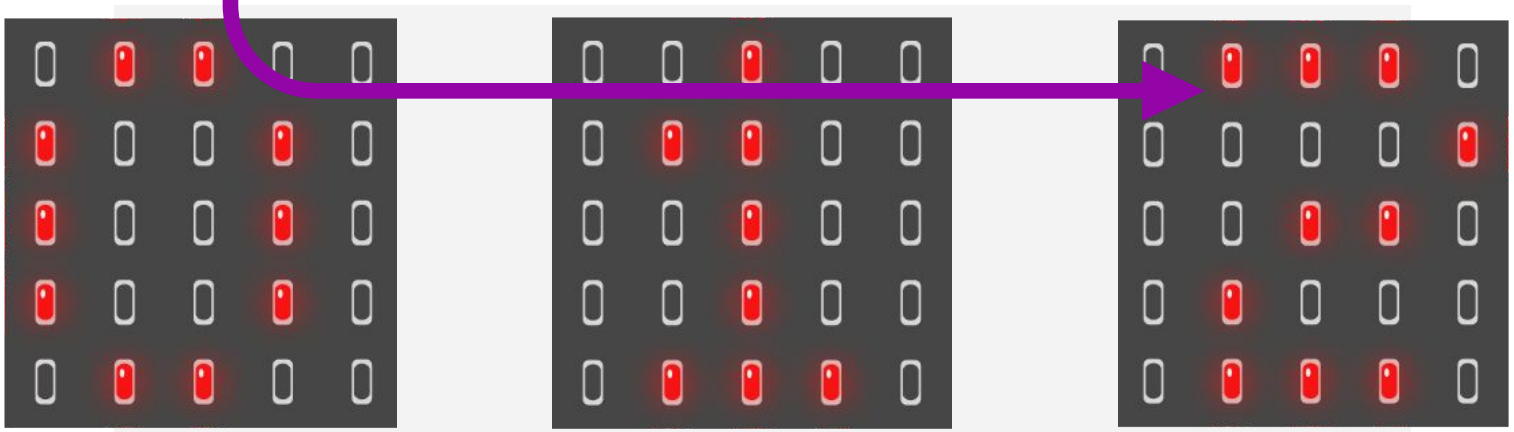

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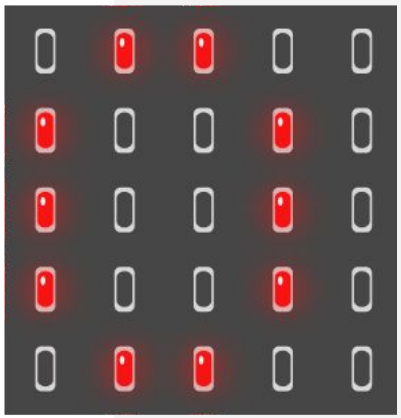
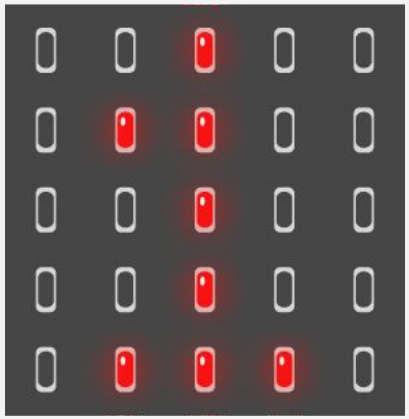
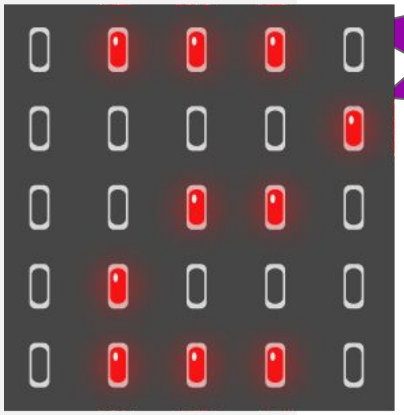

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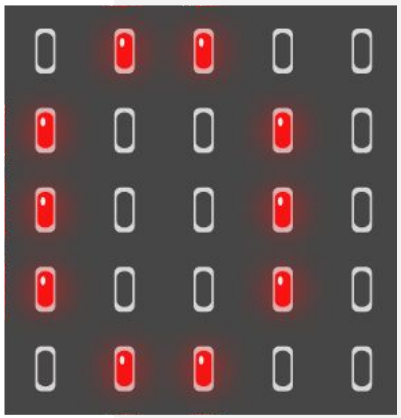
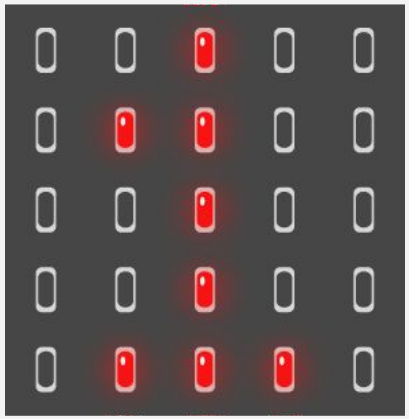
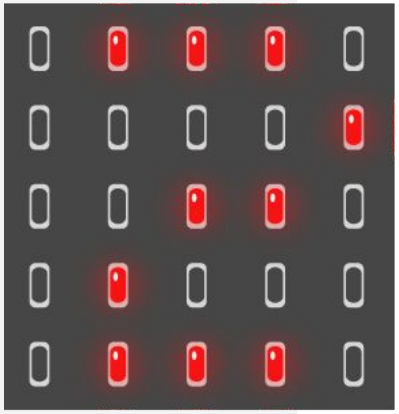

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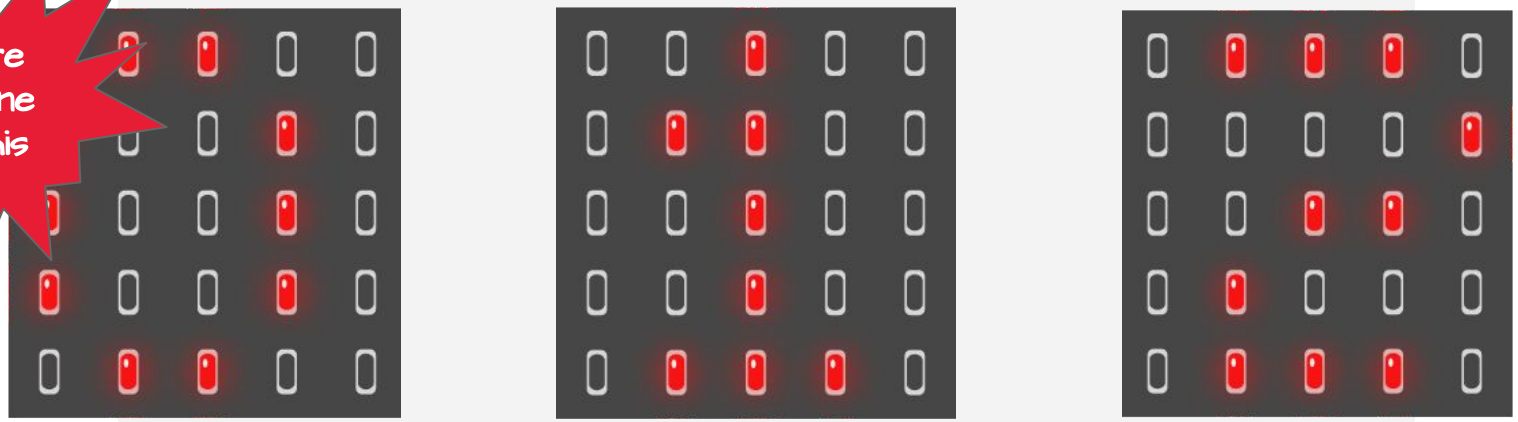

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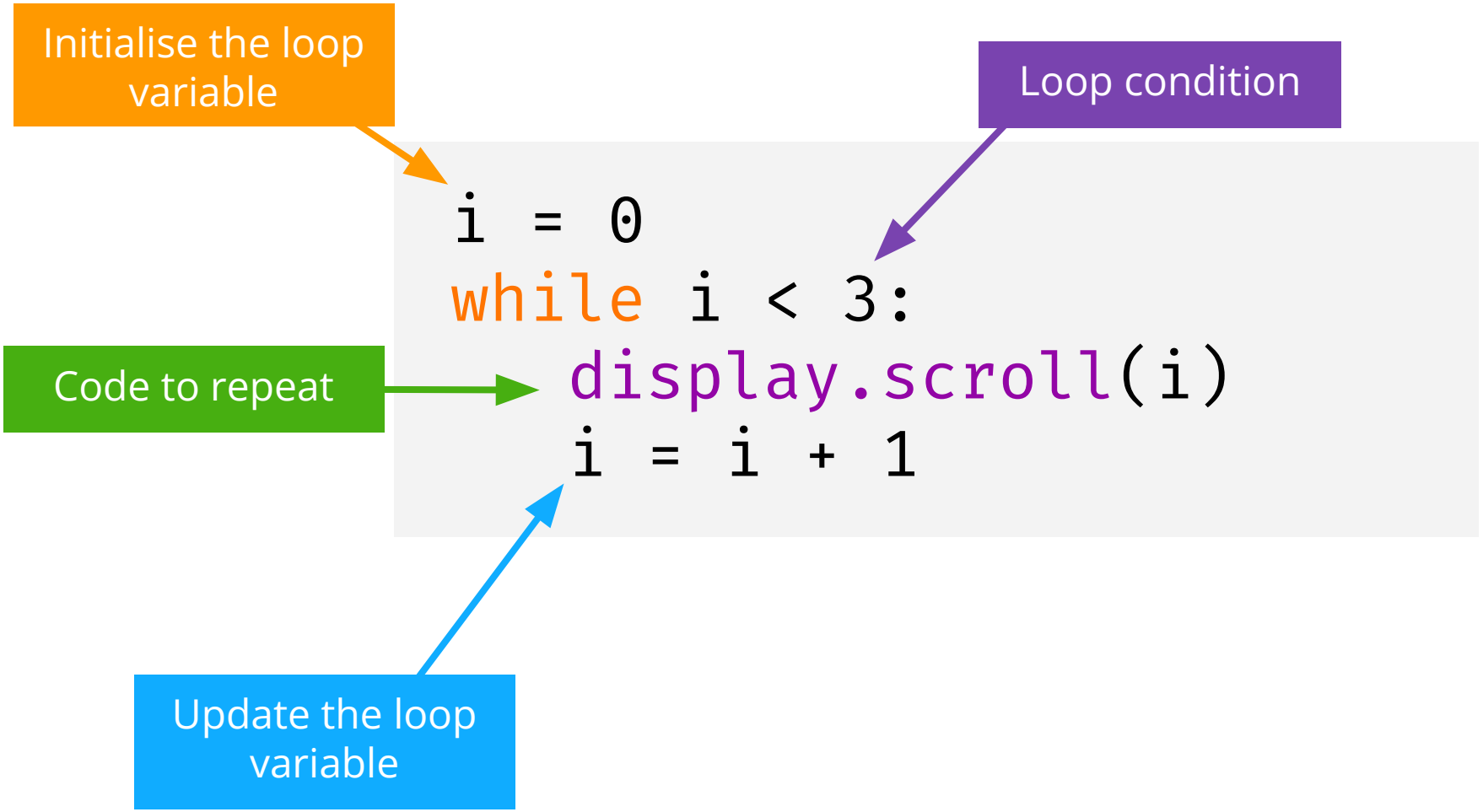

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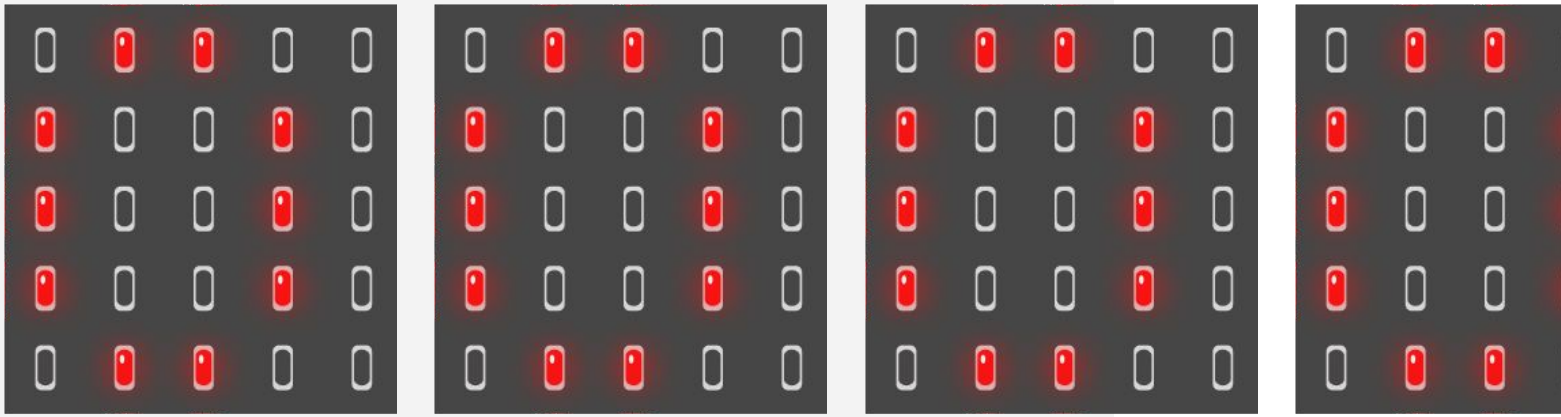

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Micro:Bit Inputs

Conditions!

Conditions let us make a decision.

First we test if the condition is met!

Then maybe we'll do the thing

<u>If it's raining</u> take an umbrella

Yep it's raining

..... take an umbrella

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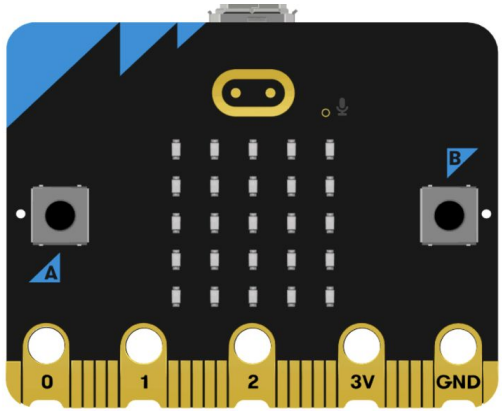
Buttons!

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?

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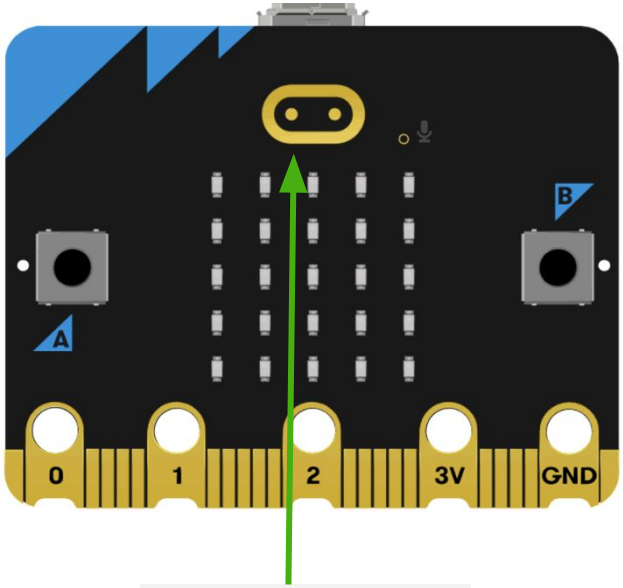
Pin Logo!

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():
```



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Accelerometer!

Your micro:bit has a motion sensor.

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

To use the accelerometer, we need a while loop. You can use this code to detect when the micro:bit has been shaken:


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

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It will display ‘I’m getting dizzy’ every time the micro:bit is shaken

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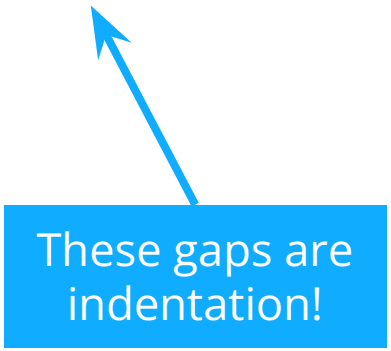

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We use the indentation to tell the code that a piece of code is "inside" another, for loops this means any code that has at least one extra gap after the loop, will be run.

But how do we indent?

There a couple ways to make sure a line of code is indented.

One is pressing the **TAB** button on your keyboard before a line of code.

Another is selecting the lines you want to indent and pressing the **TAB** button to indent them all at once.

And the last main one is to select all the lines you want to indent and press the **CTRL** and the **]** button at the same time.

Remember you need to indent for your code to work right!

Functions!

Simpler, less repetition, easier to read code!

How functions fit together!

Functions are like factories!

Timber Mill

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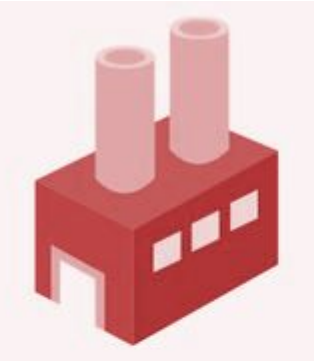
Metal Worker



Cupcake factory

Running a factory doesn't mean doing all the work yourself, you can get other factories to help you out!

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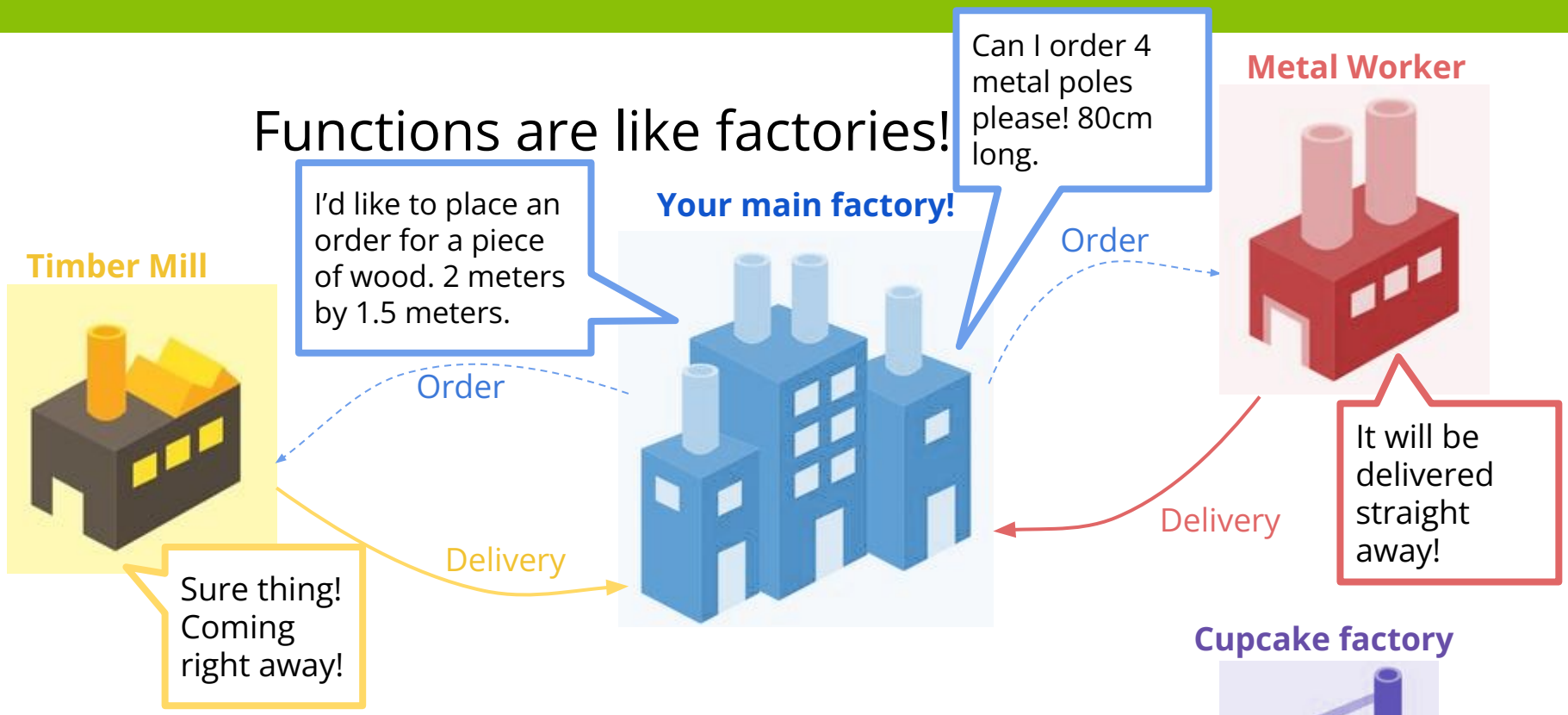

Asking other factories to do some work for you makes your main task simper. You can focus on the assembly!

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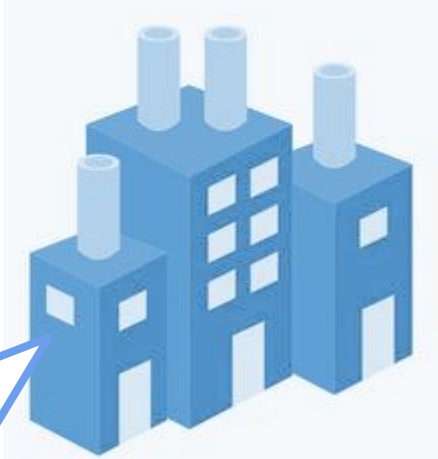

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Look at this beautiful table I made!

Outsourcing made it simple!

Cupcake factory

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You can write a bunch of helpful functions to **simplify** your **main goal**!

You can **write** these **once** and then **use** them **lots** of times! They can be **anything** you like!

Helps with printing nicely

Uses stats to make decisions

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Defining your own functions

Built in functions are great! But sometimes we want custom functions!

Defining our own functions means:

- We cut down on repeated code
- Nice function names makes our code clear and easy to read
- We can move bulky code out of the way

Defining your own functions

Then you can use your function by calling it!

```
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                           #
                           #
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When using a function in a **script** make sure you define the function first.

It doesn't matter if you call it from inside another function though!

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Functions often need extra information

Functions are more useful if we can change what they do

We can do this by giving them arguments (aka parameters)

```
>>> def hello(person):
...     display.scroll('Hello, ' + person + ', how
are you?')
>>> hello('Alex')
Hello, Alex, how are you?
```

Here, we give the hello() function a name

Any string will work

```
>>> hello('abcd')
Hello, abcd, how are you?
```

Functions can take multiple arguments

Often we want to work with multiple pieces of information.

You can actually have as many parameters as you like!

This function takes two numbers, adds them together and prints the result.

```
>>> def add(x, y):
...     display.scroll(x + y)
>>> add(3, 4)
7
```

Arguments stay inside the function

The arguments are not able to be accessed outside of the function declaration.

```
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...     display.scroll('Hello, ' + person + '!')
>>> display.scroll(person)
Traceback (most recent call last):
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NameError: name 'person' is not defined
```

Variables stay inside the function

Neither are variables made inside the function. They are **local variables**.

```
>>> def add(x, y):
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Global variables are not affected

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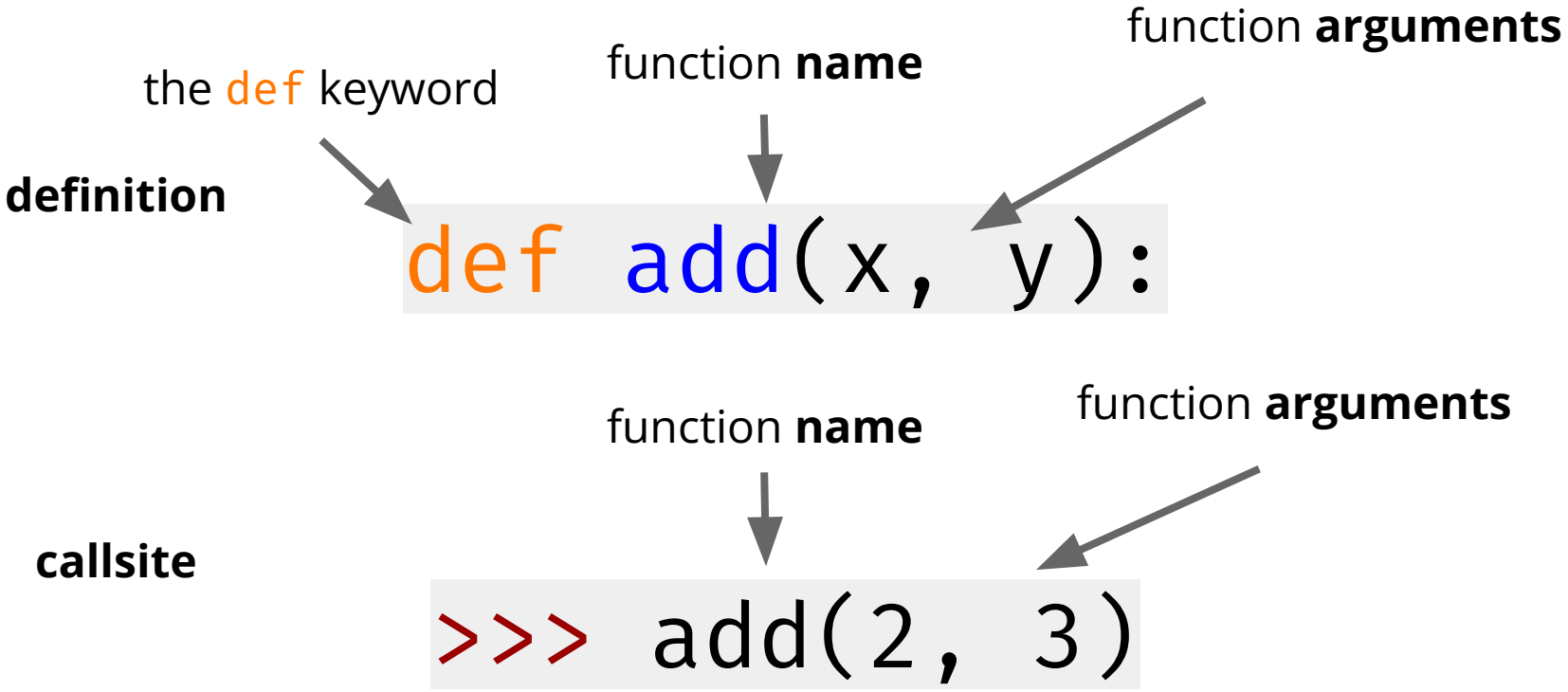
Recap: A function signature



Project time!

Now go be functional.

Do the next part of the project!

Try to do Part 4-6

The tutors will be around to help!

Micro:Bit Radio

We can use the radio to talk to each other!

All of your Micro:bits have the ability to send and receive radio messages. We are going to use this to make our Micro:bits communicate.

To send radio messages, our Micro:bits send out special invisible light waves at different times to symbolise a series of 1s and 0s, which other Micro:bits can then translate into words and information.

Radio

Your Micro:Bit can send messages to other Micro:Bits using radio waves!

It only takes a few lines of code to make this work!

1. We have to tell the Micro:Bit that we want to use the radio:

```
import radio
```

2. We need to turn the Radio on:

```
radio.on()
```

3. We need to send a message:

```
radio.send("Hello World")
```

4. We want to receive a message:

```
message = radio.receive()
```

Radio Groups

We need to set our radio to communicate on a certain group, otherwise all our Micro:Bits will try to talk to each other! This will get confusing for the Micro:Bit.

After you turn the radio on, set the group channel!

```
radio.config(group=100)
```

Your tutors will give you a group number to use.

Radio Example

What :do you think this code does?

Micro:Bit 1

```
import radio

radio.on()
radio.config(group=100)

while True:
    if button_a.is_pressed():
        radio.send("Hello!")

    if button_b.is_pressed():
        radio.send("World!")
```

Micro:Bit 2

```
import radio

radio.on()
radio.config(group=100)

while True:
    message = radio.receive()
    if message:
        display.scroll(message)
```

Why do you think it's important to check the message?