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Preface

Processing is an easy-to-use, free and open source software for writing graphical programs to run on a computer.

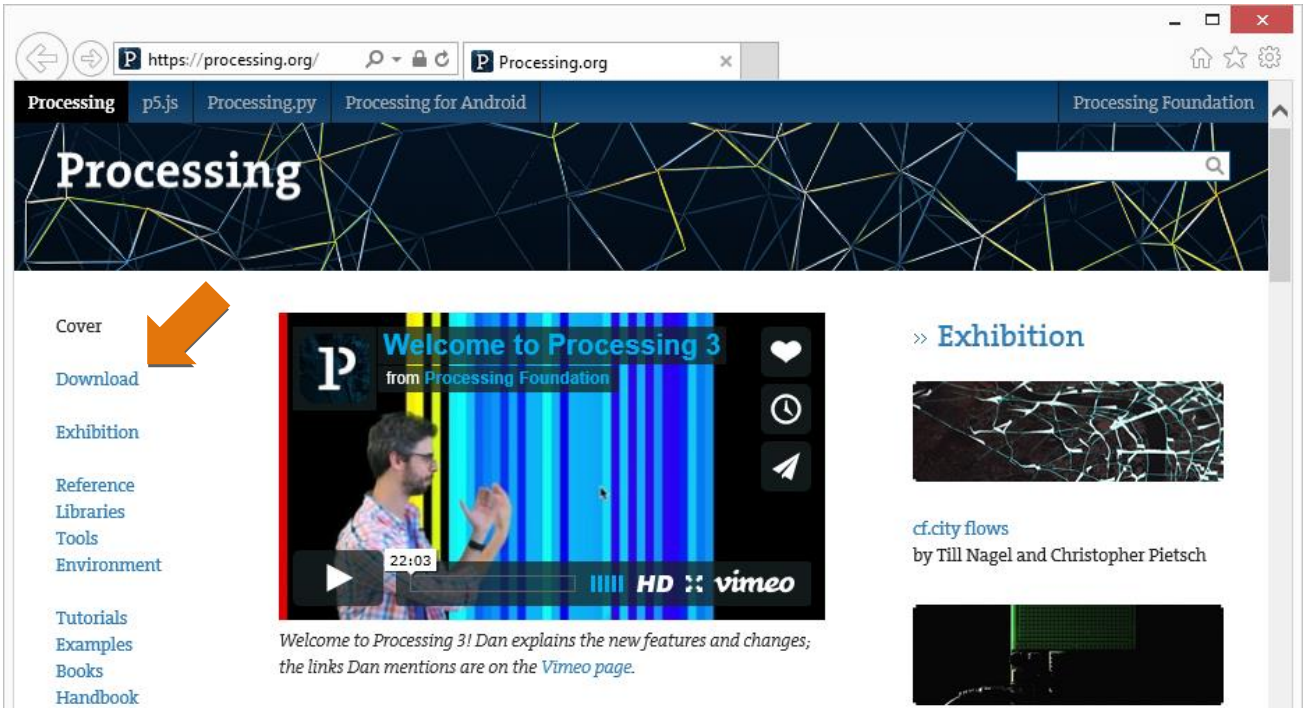
This document will show you how to use Processing to write programs to communicate with the control board. By doing this, we can make virtual instruments, game consoles and other projects.

Processing Software

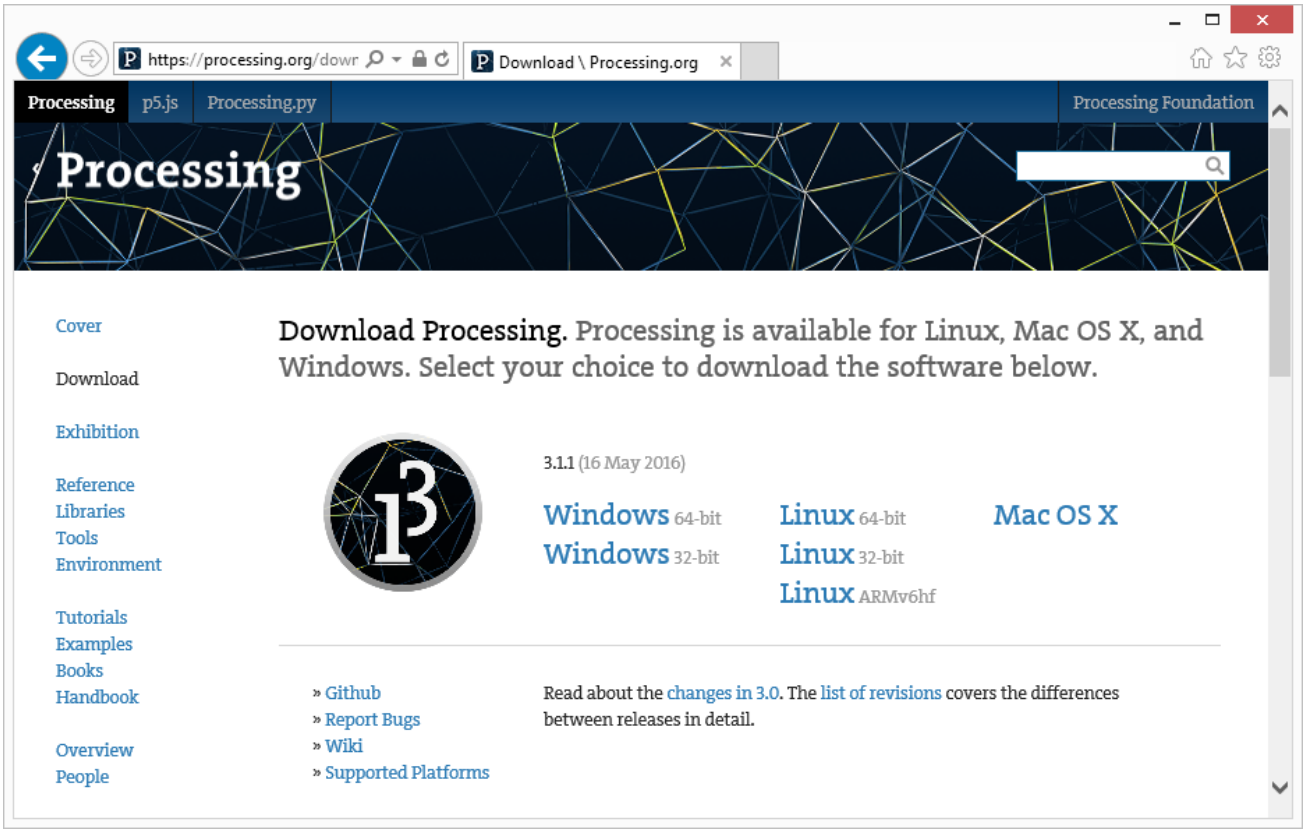
Processing software / Processing Development Environment (PDE) makes it easy to write programs.

Processing software uses Java programming language by default. Do not worry if you don't know Java, because we provide complete code. You can learn Java later if you are interested in it.

First, install Processing software. Visit https://processing.org/, click "Download" to enter the download page.



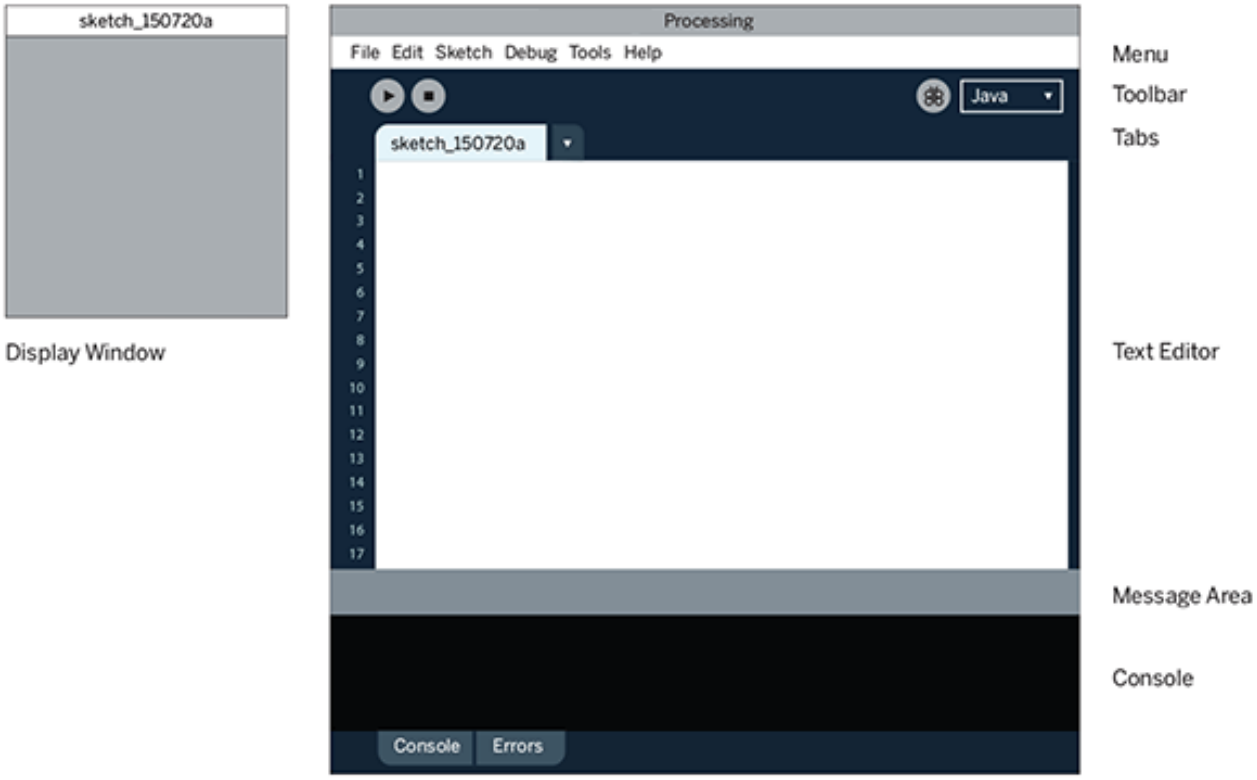
Select the Mac, Windows, or Linux version, depending on what machine you have.



Installation on each machine is straightforward:

- On Windows, you'll have a .zip file. Double-click it, and drag the folder inside to a location on your hard disk. It could be Program Files or simply the desktop, but the important thing is for the processing folder to be pulled out of that .zip file. Then double-click processing.exe to start.
- The Mac OS X version is also a .zip file. Double-click it and drag the Processing icon to the Applications folder. If you're using someone else's machine and can't modify the Applications folder, just drag the application to the desktop. Then double-click the Processing icon to start.
- The Linux version is a .tar.gz file, which should be familiar to most Linux users. Download the file to your home directory, then open a terminal window, and type:
  tar xvfz processing-xxxx.tgz
  (Replace xxxx with the rest of the file's name, which is the version number.) This will create a folder named processing-2.0 or something similar. Then change to that directory:
  cd processing-xxxx
  and run it:
  ./processing

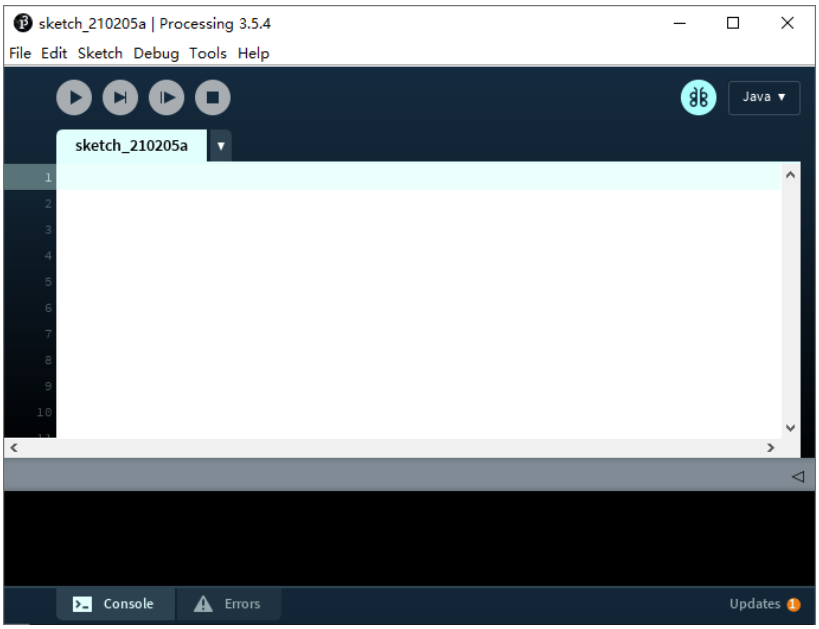
With any luck, the main Processing window will now be visible. Everyone's setup is different, so if the program didn't start, or you're otherwise stuck, visit the troubleshooting page for possible solutions.



You're now running the Processing Development Environment (or PDE). There's not much to it; the large area is the Text Editor, and there's a row of buttons across the top; this is the toolbar. Below the editor is the Message Area, and below that is the Console. The Message Area is used for one line messages, and the Console is used for more technical details.

Install ControlP5

Open Processing.



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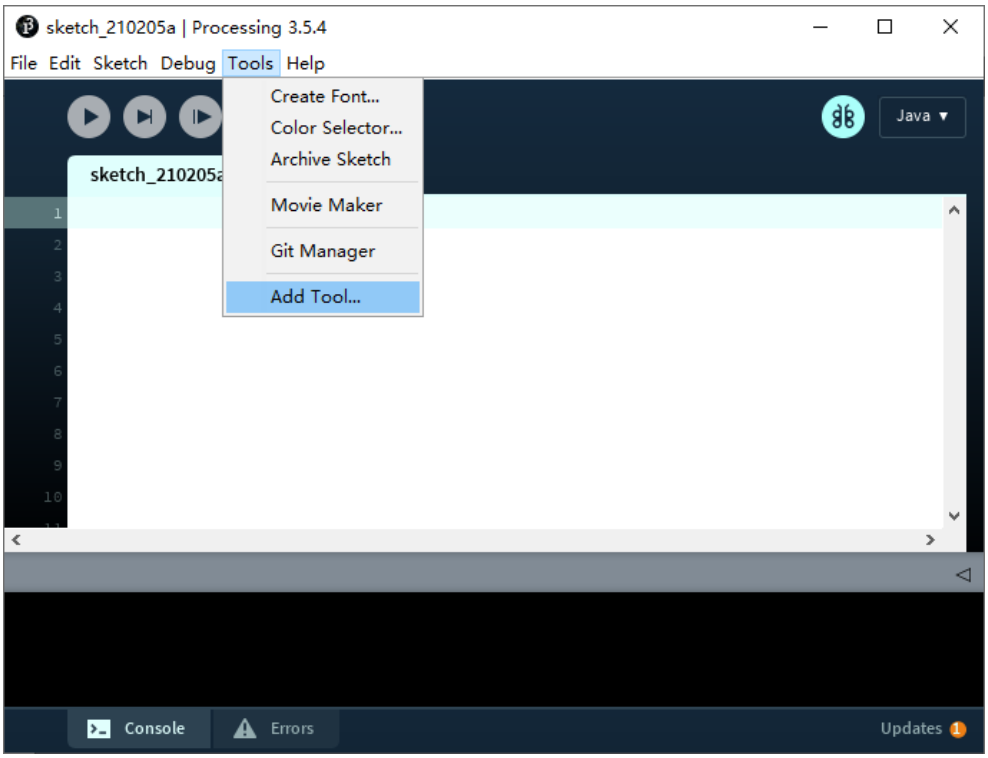
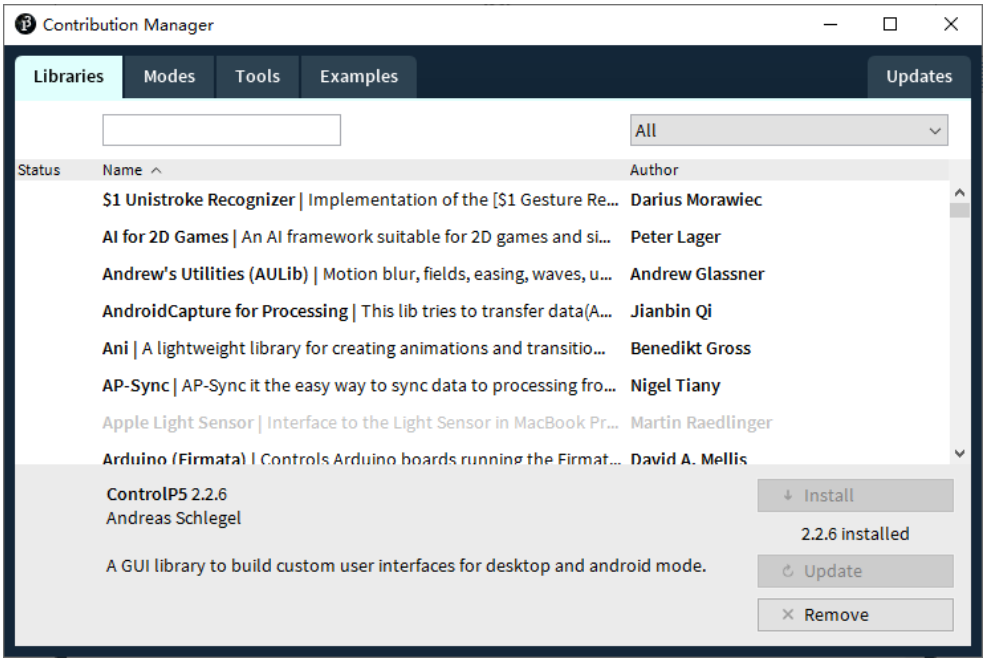
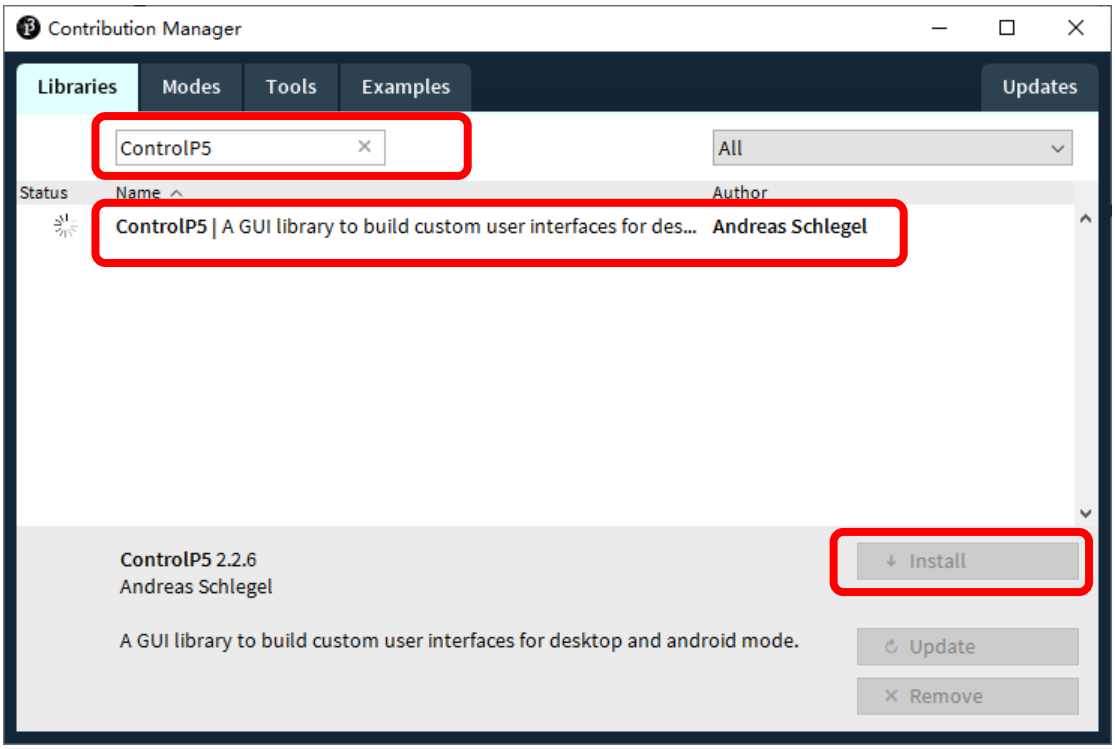


Select Libraries in the pop-up window.



Input “ControlP5” in the searching box, and then select the option as below. Click “Install” and wait for the installation to finish.



First Use

In the editor, type the following:

```
1  ellipse(50, 50, 80, 80);
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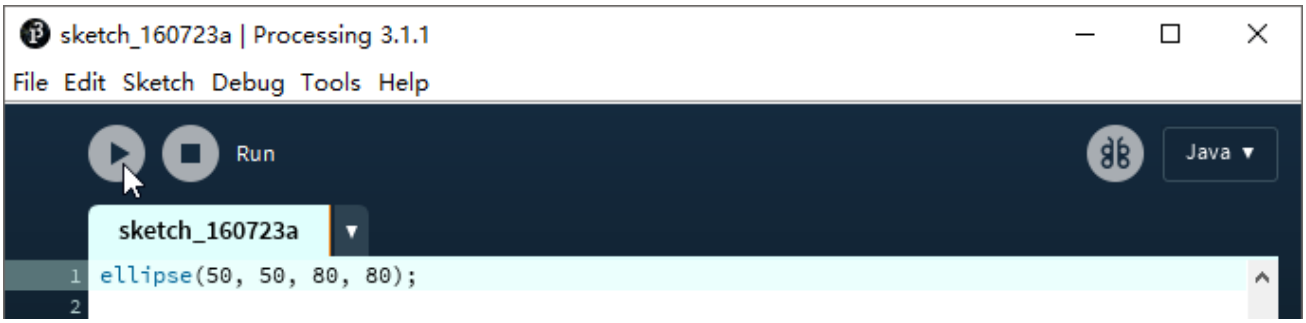
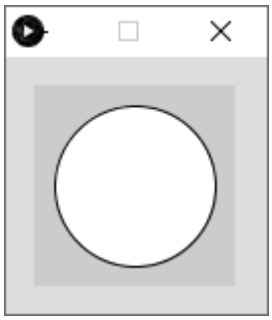
This line of code means "draw an ellipse, with the center 50 pixels over from the left and 50 pixels down from the top, with a width and height of 80 pixels." Click the Run button (the triangle button in the Toolbar).

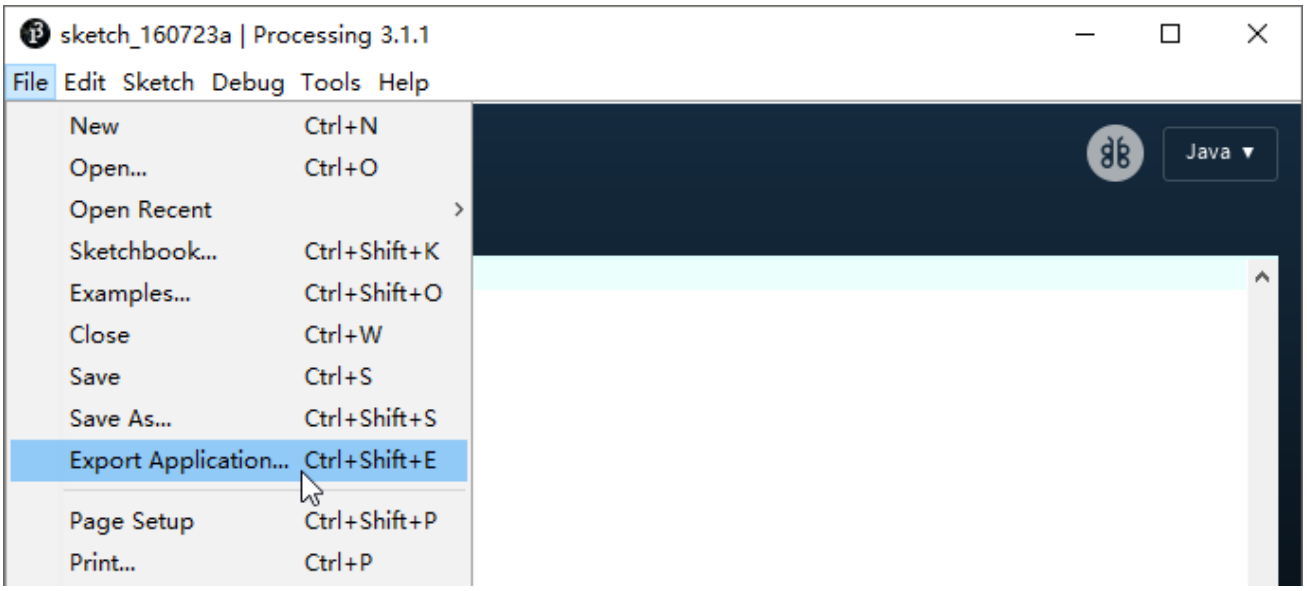


If you've typed everything correctly, you'll see a circle on your screen.



If you didn't type it correctly, the Message Area will turn red and complain about an error. If this happens, make sure that you've copied the example code exactly: the numbers should be contained within parentheses and have commas between each of them, and the line should end with a semicolon.

You can export this sketch to an application to run it directly without opening the Processing.
To export the sketch to the application, you must first save it.



So far, we have completed the first use. I believe you have felt the joy of it.

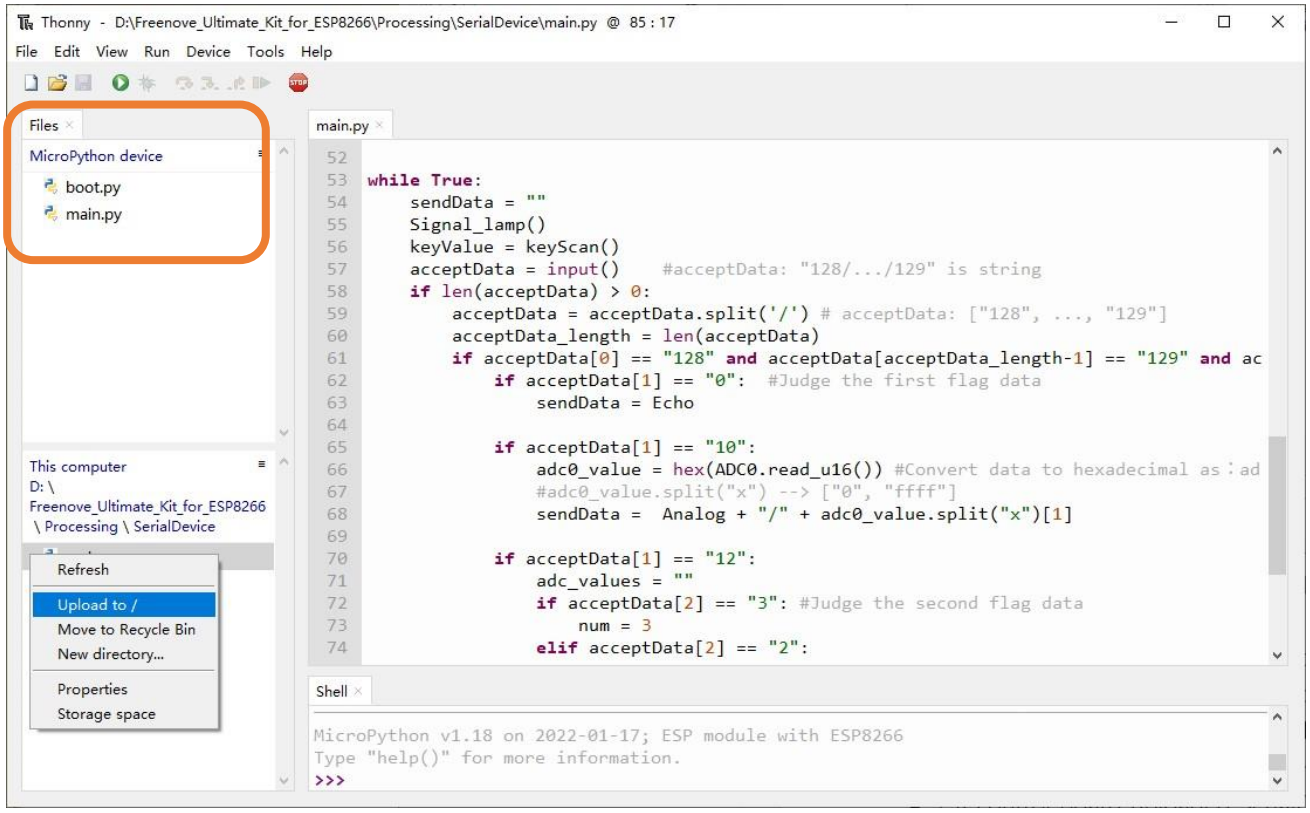
Communication protocol (Important)

We need to write code for control board and Processing to complete the interaction project of them, respectively.

In order to simplify and facilitate the operation, we prepared a SerialDevice class for Processing to communicate with the control board. To use this class, we need to upload the below main.py file to ESP8266.

Freenove Ultimate Starter Kit for ESP8266\Processing\SerialDevice\main.py

Open Thonny, select the main.py file of the above path, right click the mouse to and select "Upload to /" to upload the file to Pico. Run the main.py file offline, which means you need to disconnect the USB cable from Pico and then reconnect them.



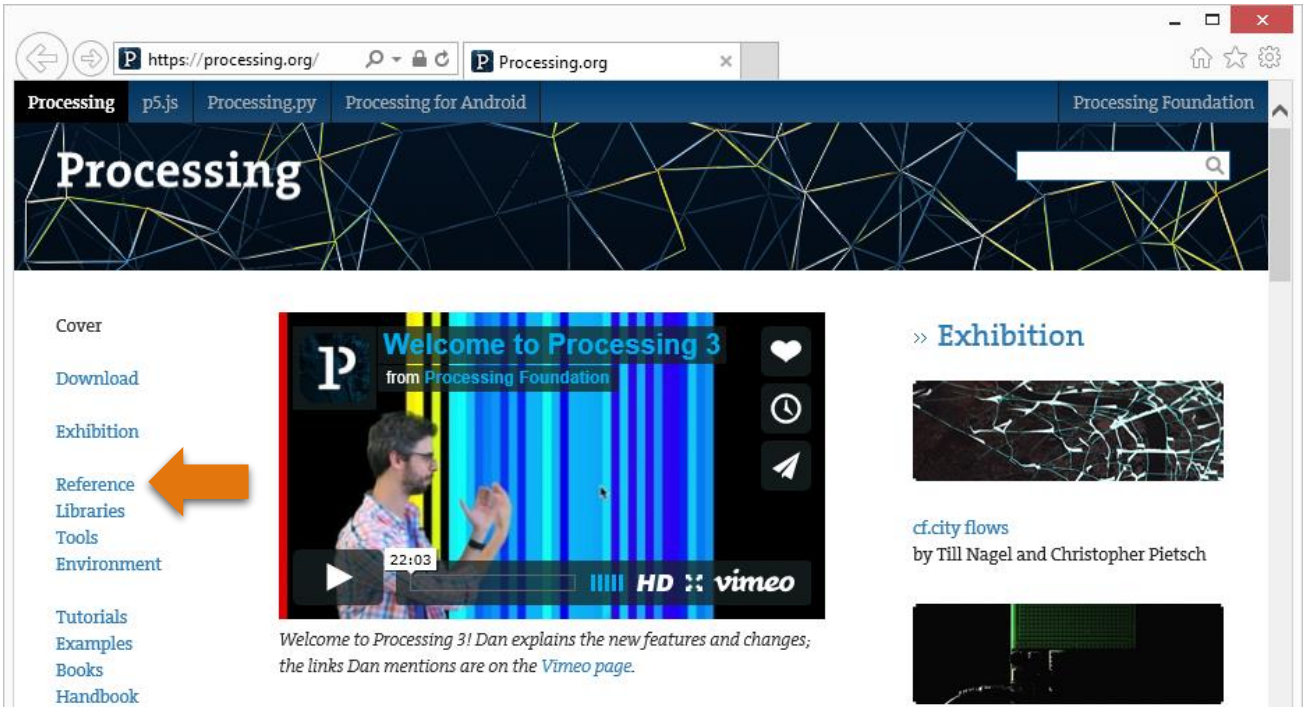
Main.py file only need to be uploaded once. So we won't upload it again for the further projects.

SerialDevice class and main.py defined the communication protocol between them. The features include:

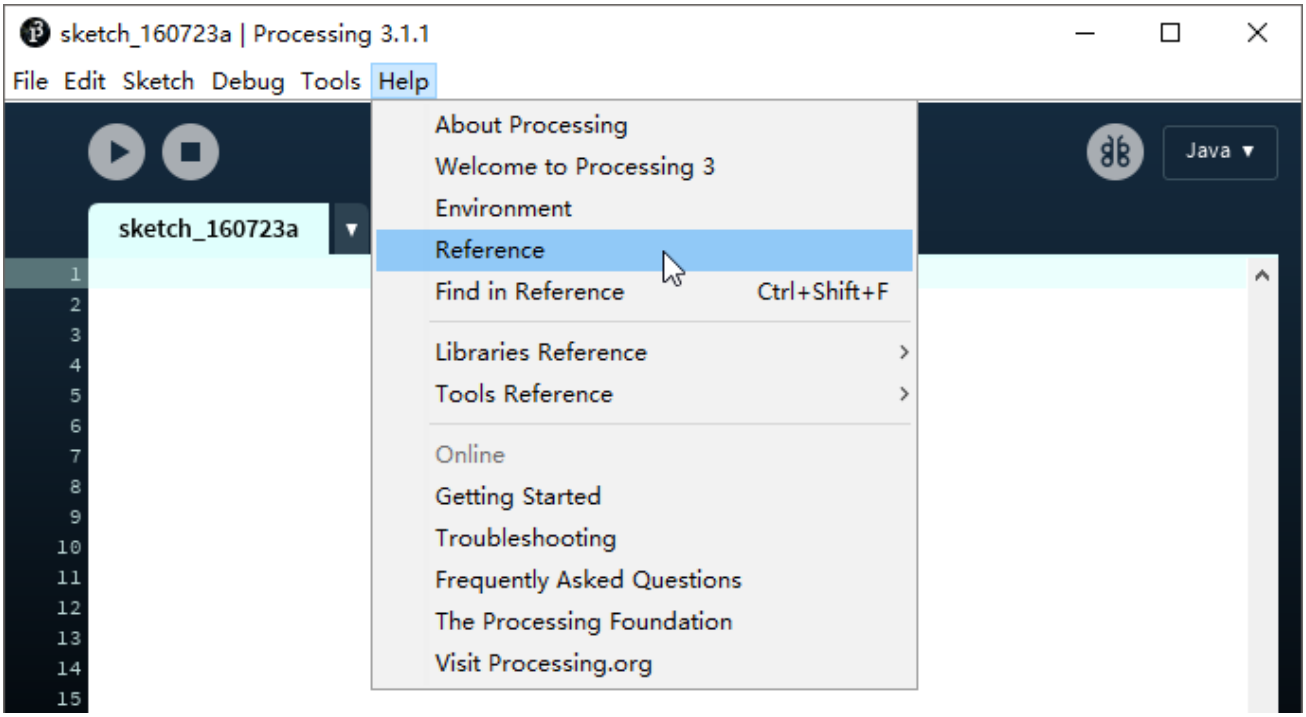
- Recognize the control board uploaded SerialDevice.ino and establish connection with it, automatically. No need to view and set the serial number of the control board connected to the computer, even if there are a number of control board, it can be connected automatically.
- If control board uploaded SerialDevice.ino is not connected to computer, the Processing code will not be executed until the connection is done. The Processing sketch does not need to be run again after the connection is done.
- Send data to control board and receive data from it.

Here, Processing sketch code will not be introduced in detail. Interested readers can learn it by yourself.

And as for syntax and standard functions of Processing, you can visit https://processing.org/ and click Reference to view.



Or in the Processing software menu bar, click Help-Reference to view offline documents.



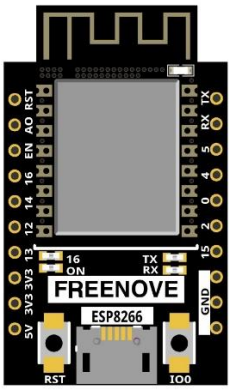
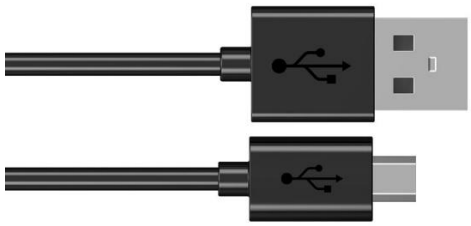
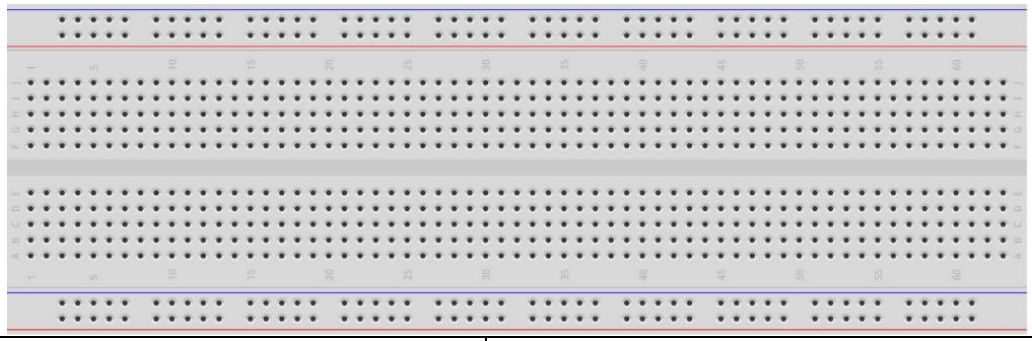
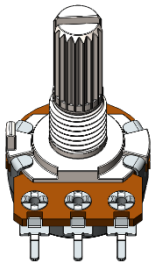
Chapter 1 Oscilloscope

In this chapter, we will make a complex virtual instrument, oscilloscope. Oscilloscope is a widely used electronic measuring instrument. It can get the electrical signals not directly observed into visible image to facilitate the analysis and study of various electrical signals change process.

Project 1.1 Oscilloscope

Now, let's use Processing and ESP8266 board to create an oscilloscope.

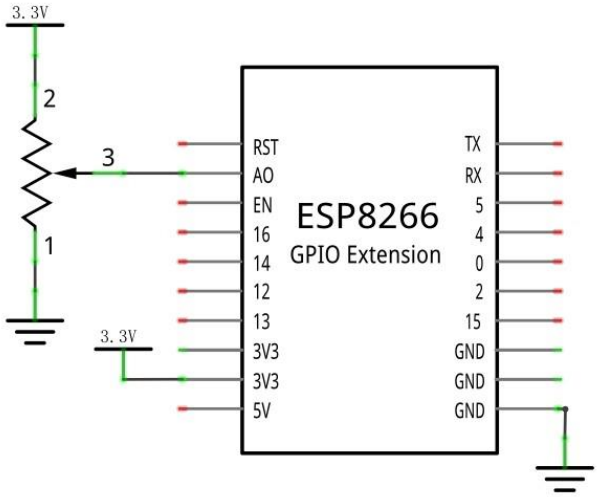
Component list

ESP8266 board x1 	Micro USB Wire x1 
BreadBoard x1 	
Jumper wire M/M x5	Rotary potentiometer x1 

Circuit

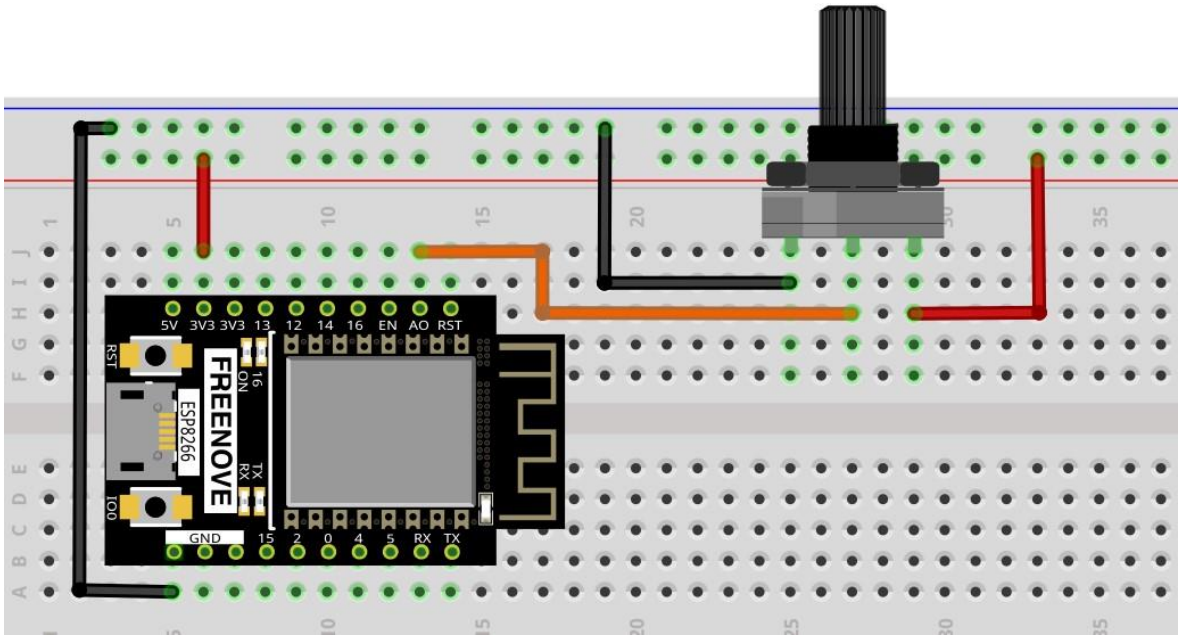
Use A0 port to detect the voltage of rotary potentiometer.

Schematic diagram



Note: The ADC of Pico can only collect voltage between 0-3.3V. The joystick here uses 3.3V.

Hardware connection. If you need any support, please feel free to contact us via: **support@freenove.com**

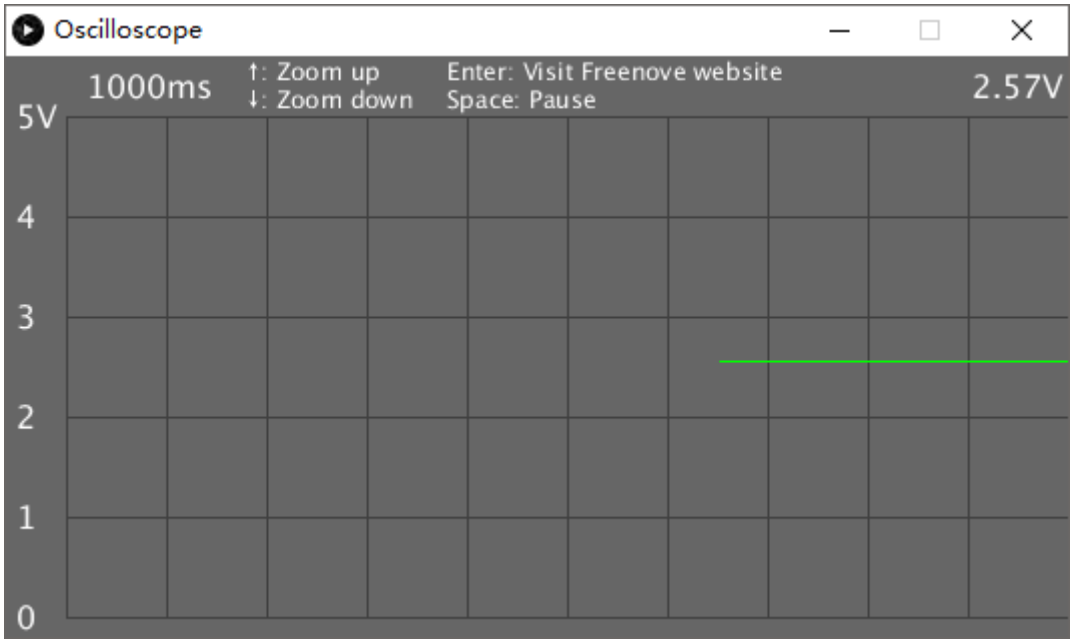


Sketch

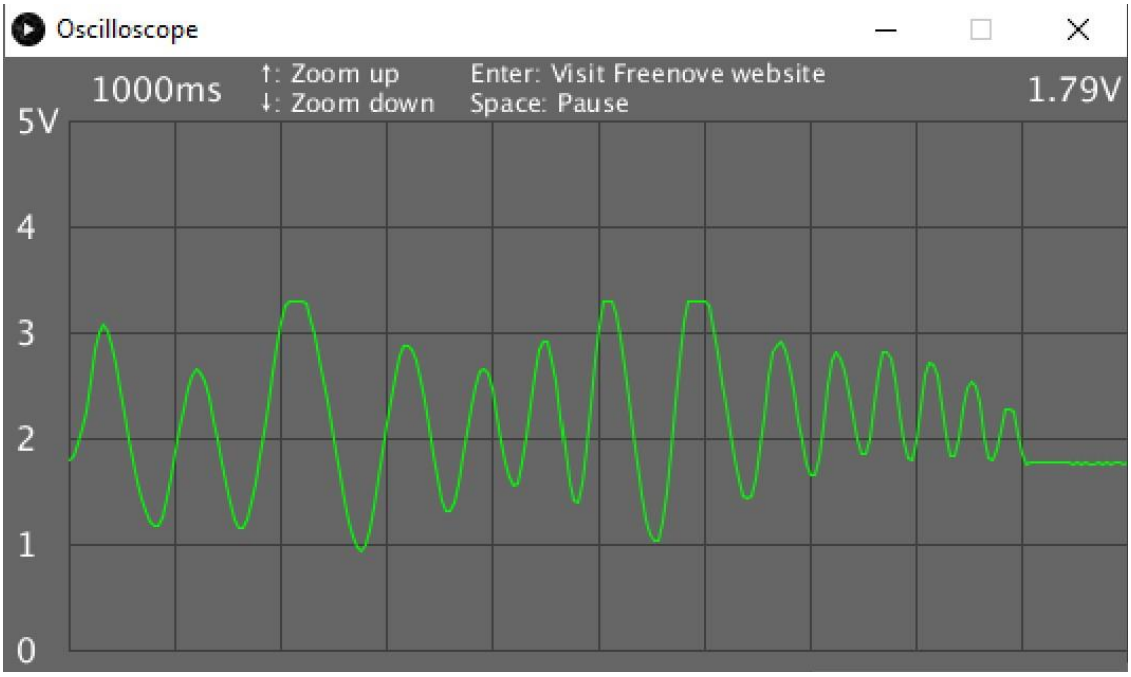
Sketch Oscilloscope

Use Processing to open **Freenove_Ultimate_Starter_Kit_for_ESP8266\Processing\Processing\Oscilloscope\Oscilloscope.pde** and click Run.

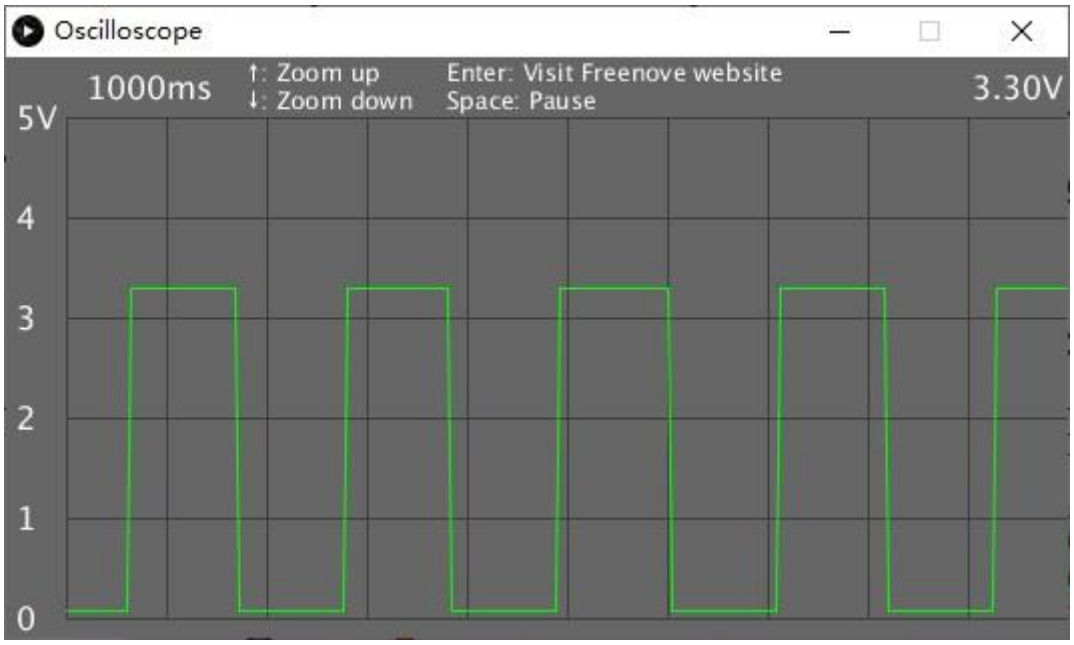
If the connection succeeds, the follow will be shown:



The green line is the waveform acquisited. Rotate the potentiometer, then you can see changes of the waveform:



Disconnect the A0 port from the potentiometer and connect it to the Pin 2 port. Pin 2 port output is 0.5Hz square wave. As is shown below:



The left side of the software interface is a voltage scale, which is used to indicate the voltage of the waveform. The "1000ms" on top left corner is the time of a square, and you can press "↑" and "↓" key on keyboard to adjust it.

The "0.00V" on top right corner is the voltage value of current signal.

You can press the space bar on keyboard to pause the display waveform, which is easy to view and analysis.

We believe that with the help of this oscilloscope, you can obtain more intuitive understanding of the actual work of some electronic circuits. It will help you complete the project and eliminate the trouble. You can export this sketch to an application used as a tool.

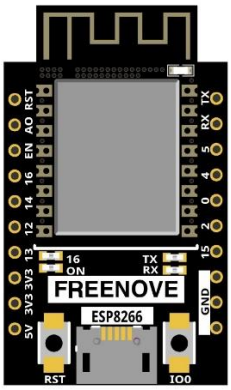
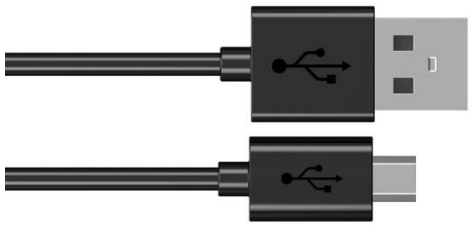
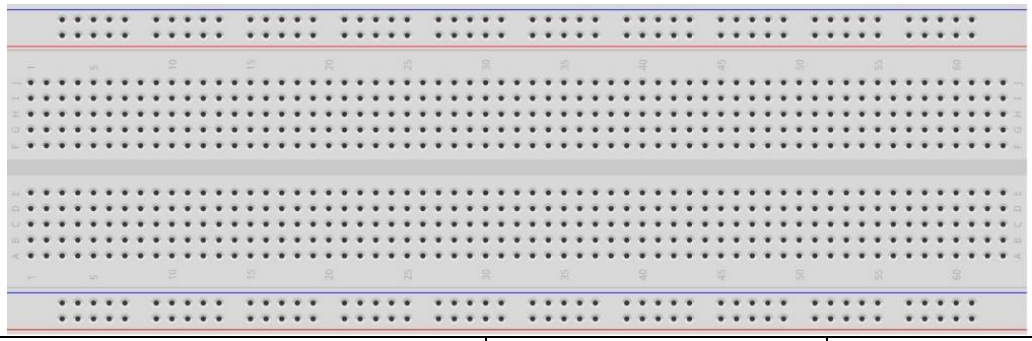
Chapter 2 Snake Game

We have learned how control 2D and 3D figures. Now, we will use ESP8266 board to play the classic snake game. There are both 2D and 3D version.

Project 2.1 Snake Game

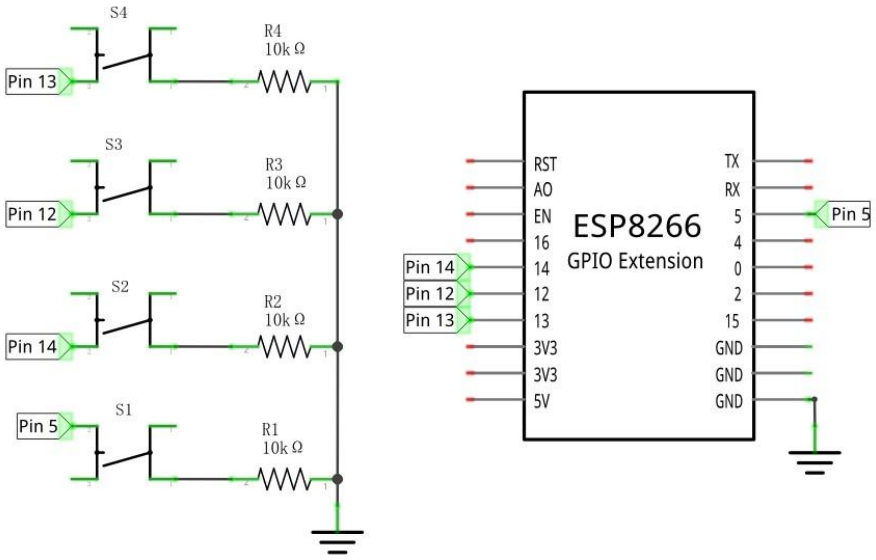
First, let's play a 2D snake game.

Component list

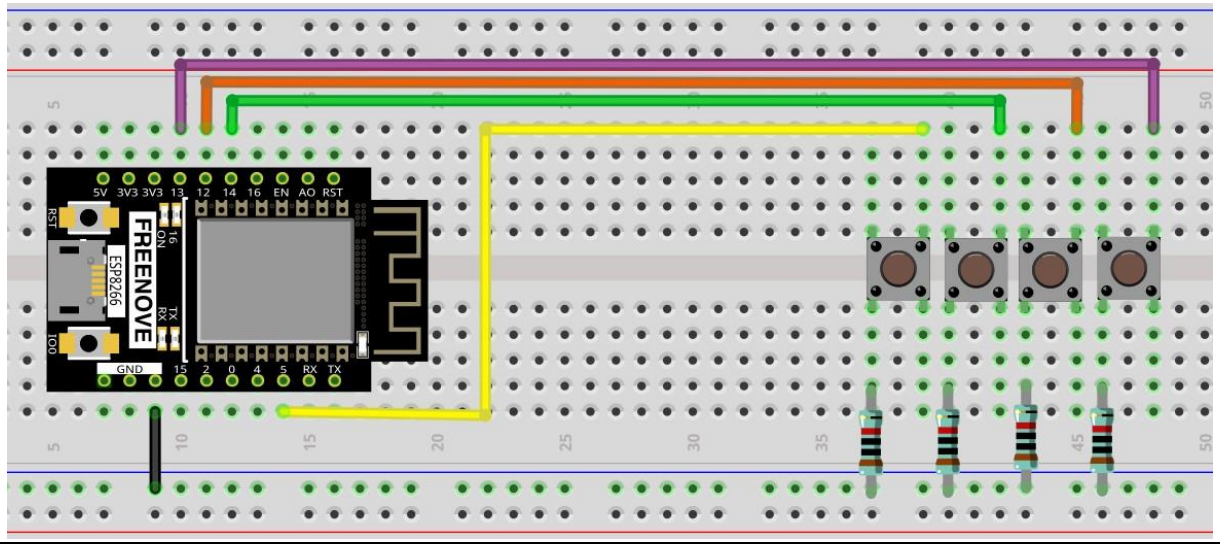
ESP8266 board x1 	Micro USB Wire x1 	
BreadBoard x1 		
Jumper wire M/M x5	Push button x4	Resistor 10kΩ x4

Circuit

Schematic diagram



Hardware connection



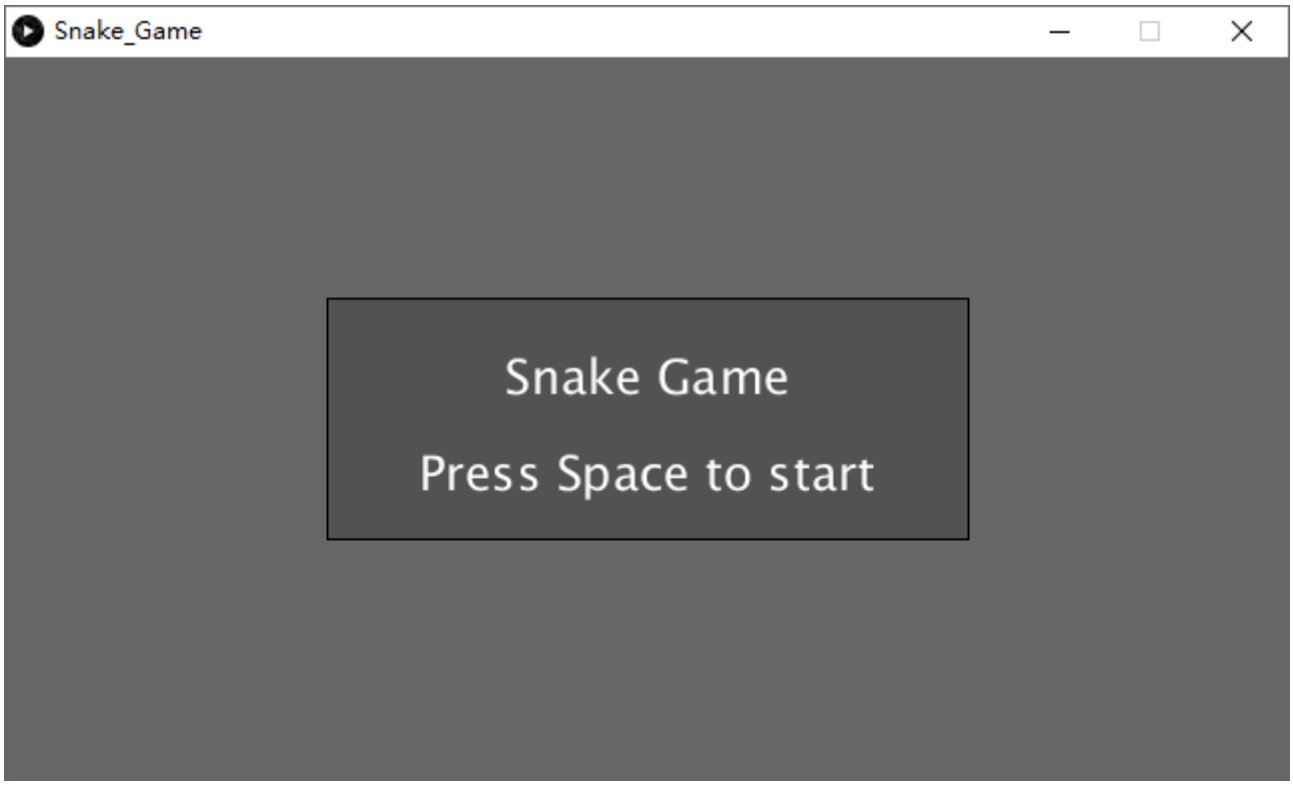
Buttons from left to right indicate right, left, down, and up respectively.

Sketch

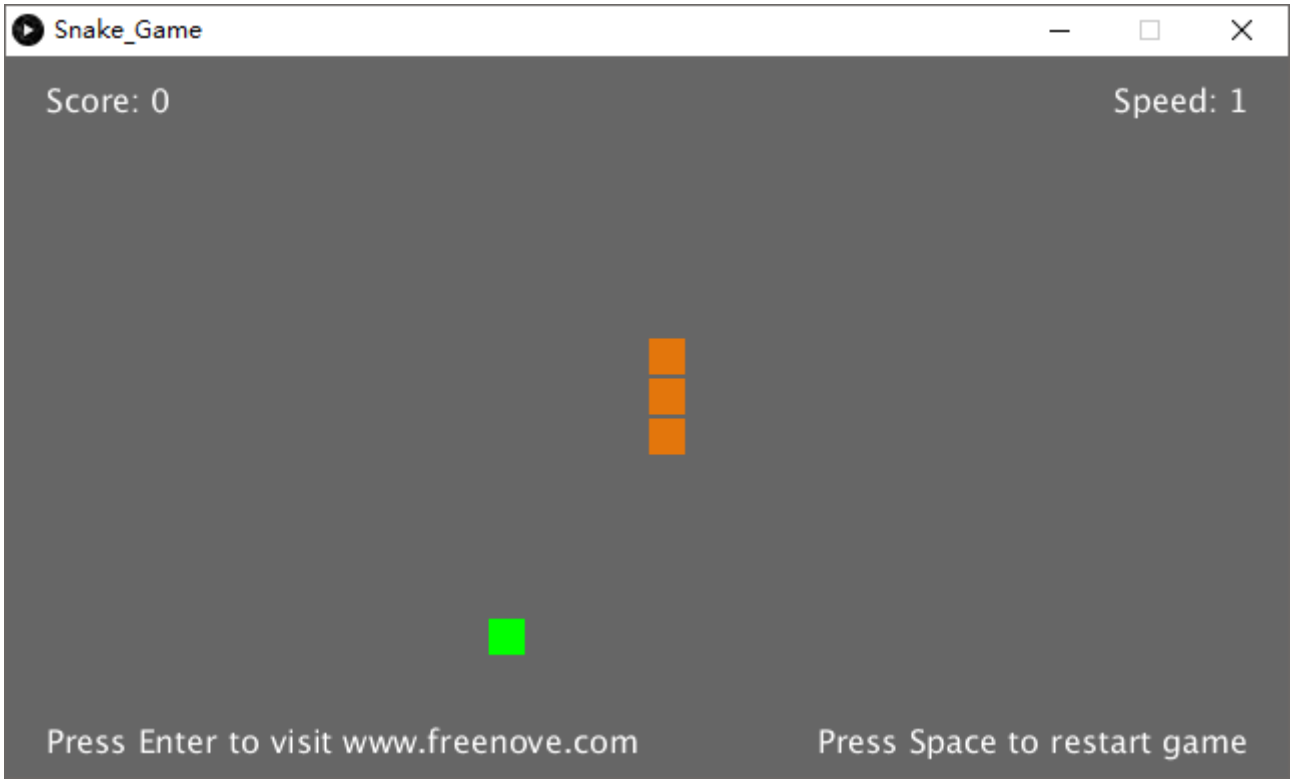
Sketch Snake_Game

Use Processing to open **Freenove_Ultimate_Starter_Kit_for_ESP8266\Processing\Processing\Box_3D\Box_3D.pde**, and click Run.

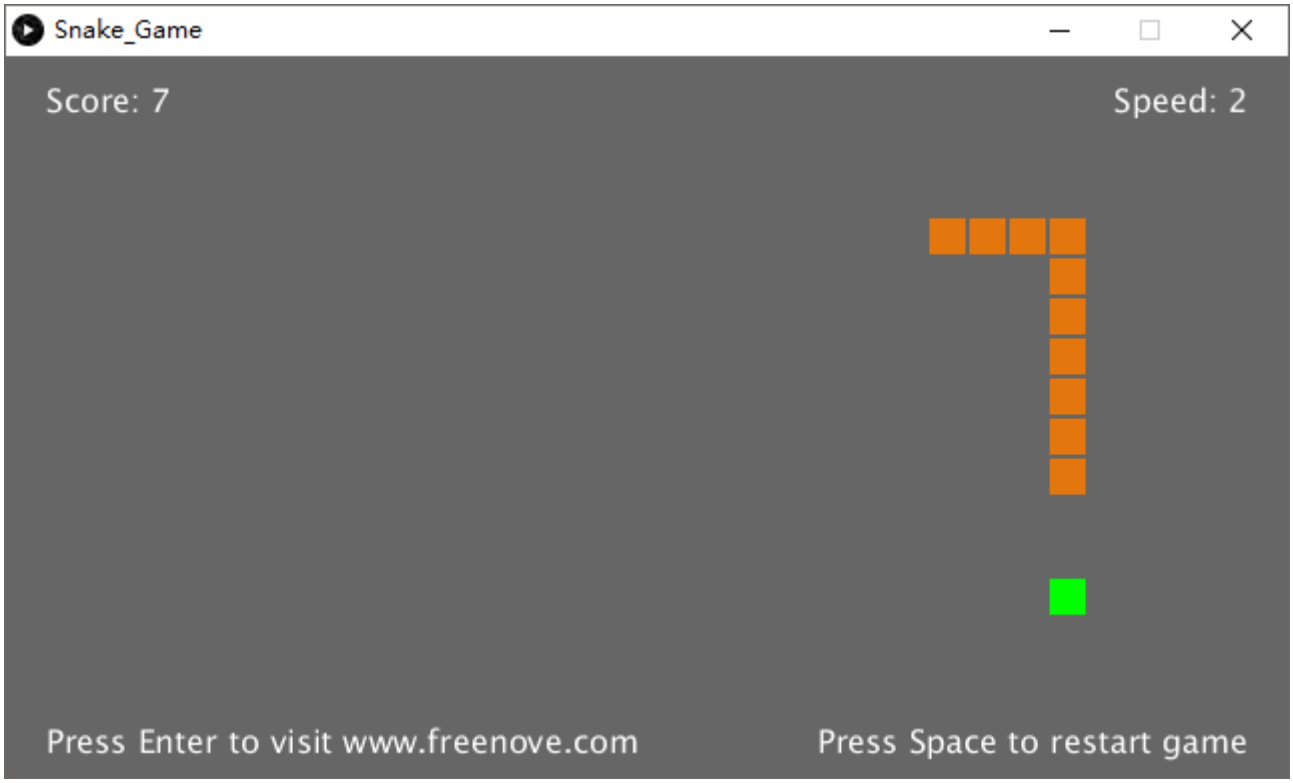
If the connection succeeds, the follow will be shown:



Press the space bar on keyboard to start the game:



Press the corresponding button to control the snake's movements. The game rules are the same as the classic snake game:



When the game fails, press space bar to restart the game:

Additionally, you can restart the game by pressing the space bar at any time.

Project 2.2 Snake Game 3D

Now, let's experience the 3D version game.

Component list

The same as last section.

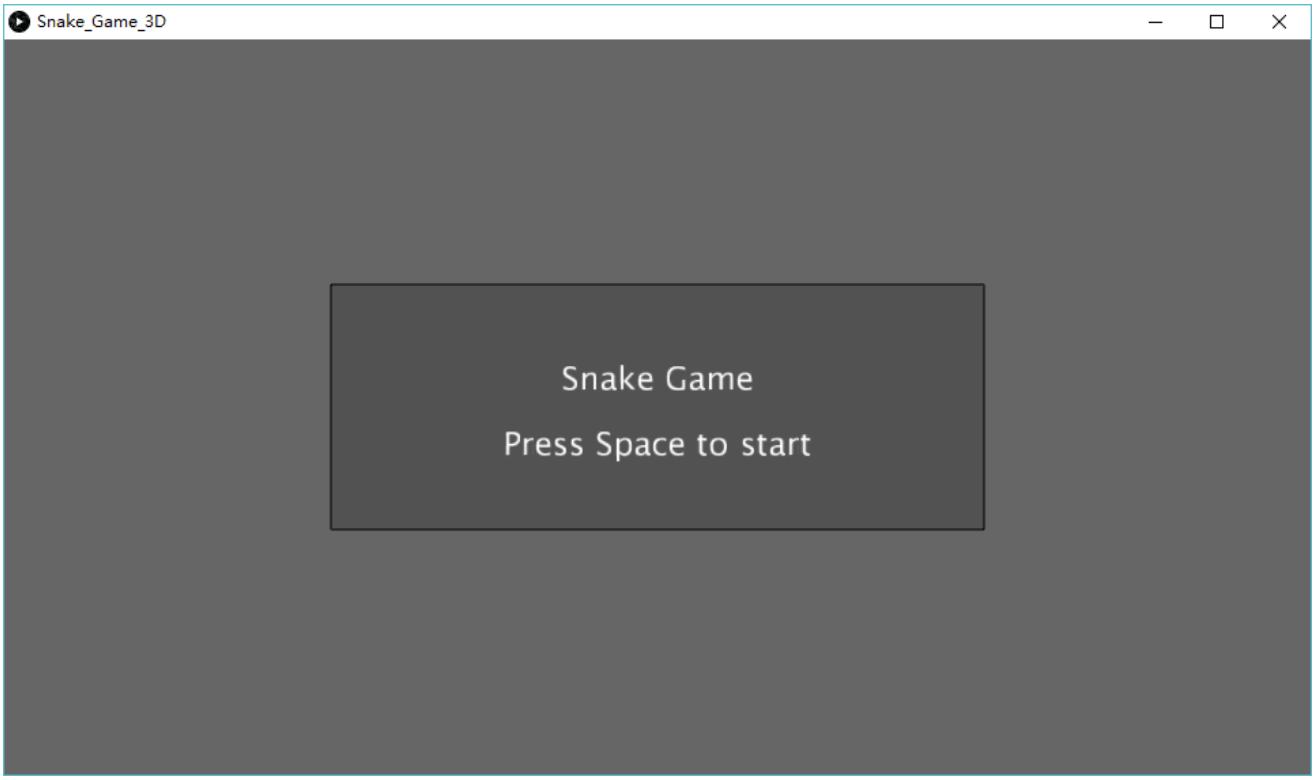
Circuit

The same as last section.

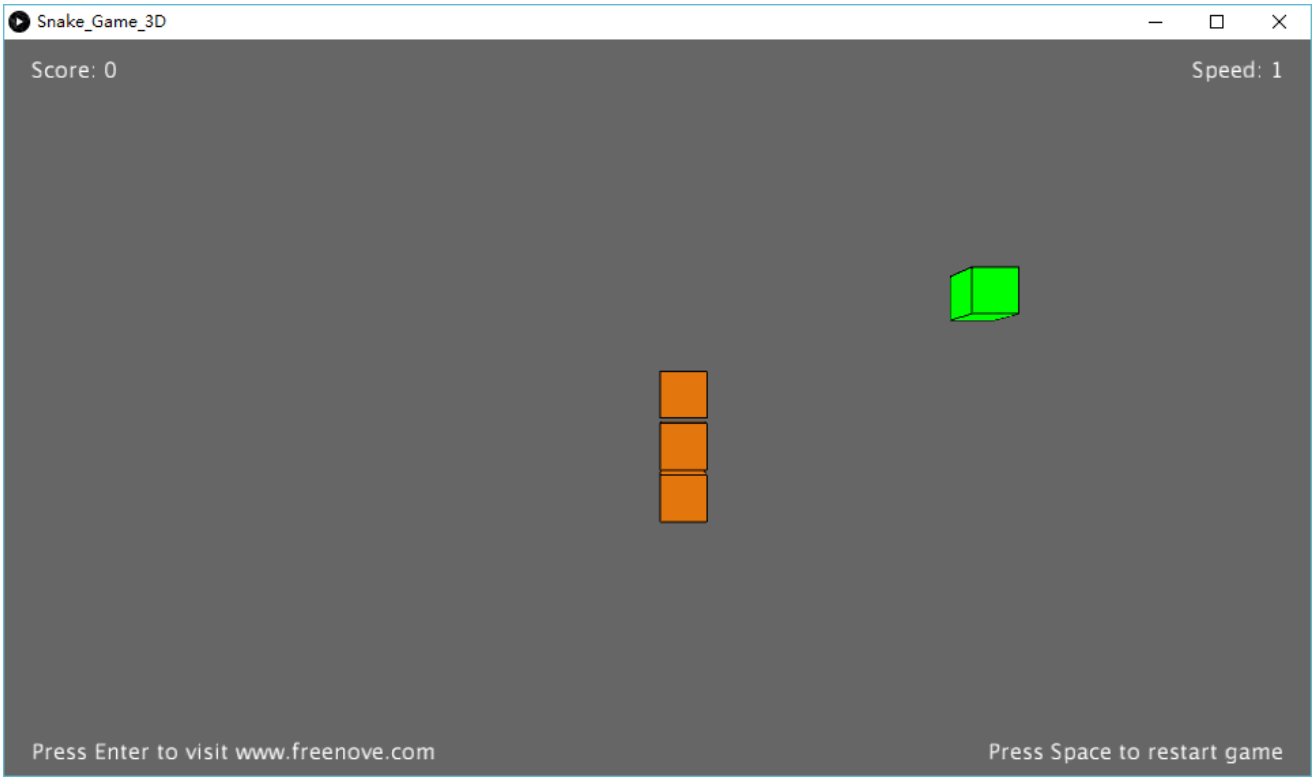
Sketch

Sketch Snake_Game_3D

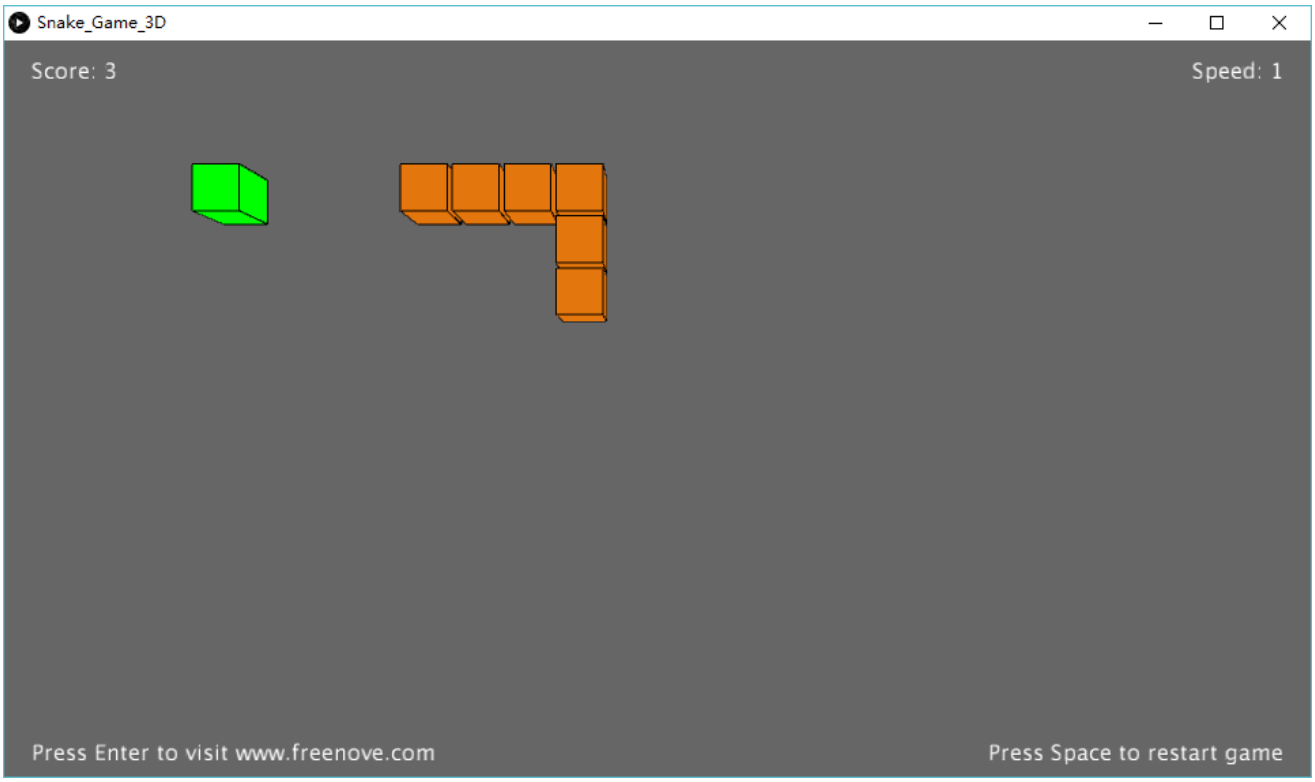
Use Processing to open **Freenove_Ultimate_Starter_Kit_for_ESP8266\Processing\Processing\Snake_Game_3D\Snake_Game_3D.pde** and click Run.
If the connection succeeds, the follow will be shown:



Press the space bar on keyboard to start the game:



Press the corresponding button to control the snake's movements. The game rules are the same as the classic snake game:



The rest operation is the same as the 2D version.

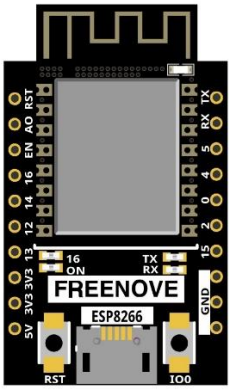
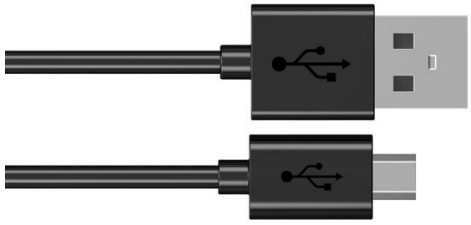
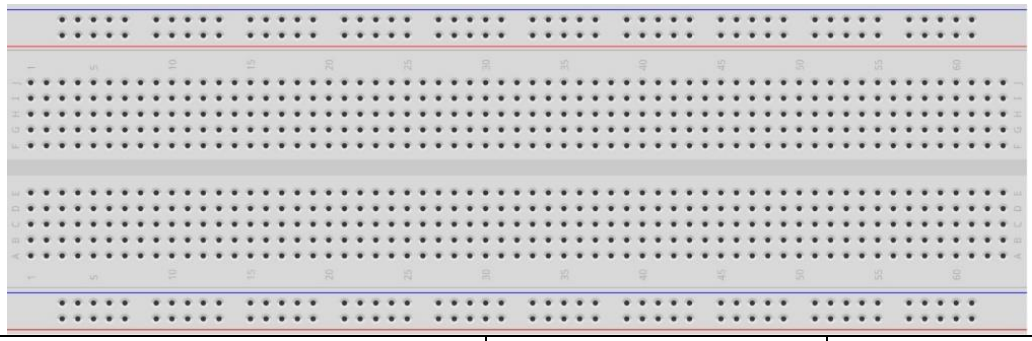
Chapter 3 Pick Apples

In this chapter, we prepare pick apples game.You can pick apples with four buttons.

Project 3.1 Pick Apples

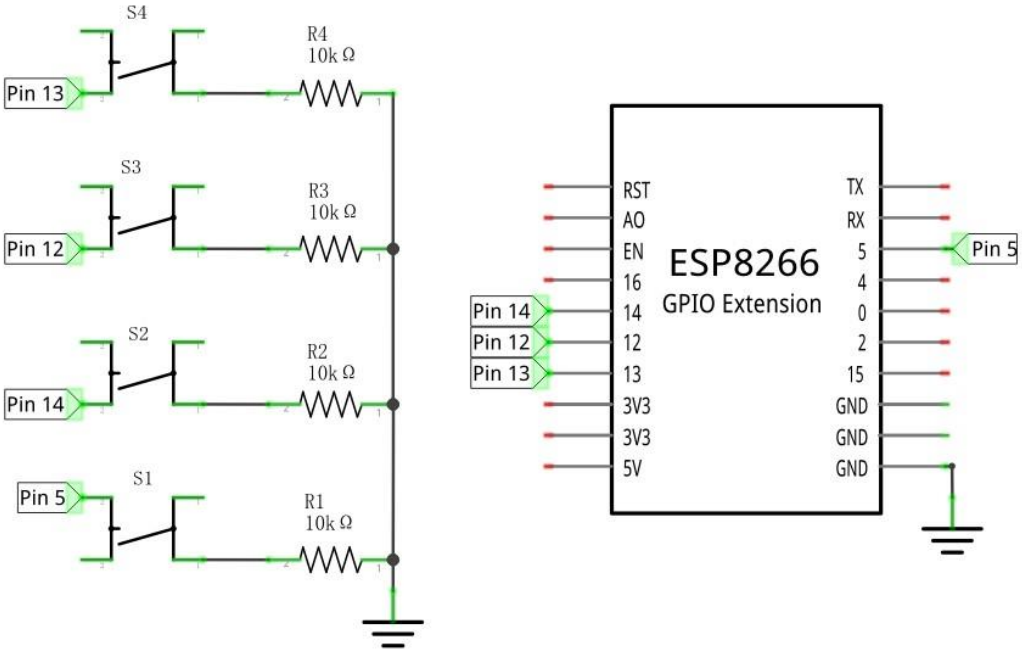
Now, let's use Processing and ESP8266 board to achieve the game.

Component list

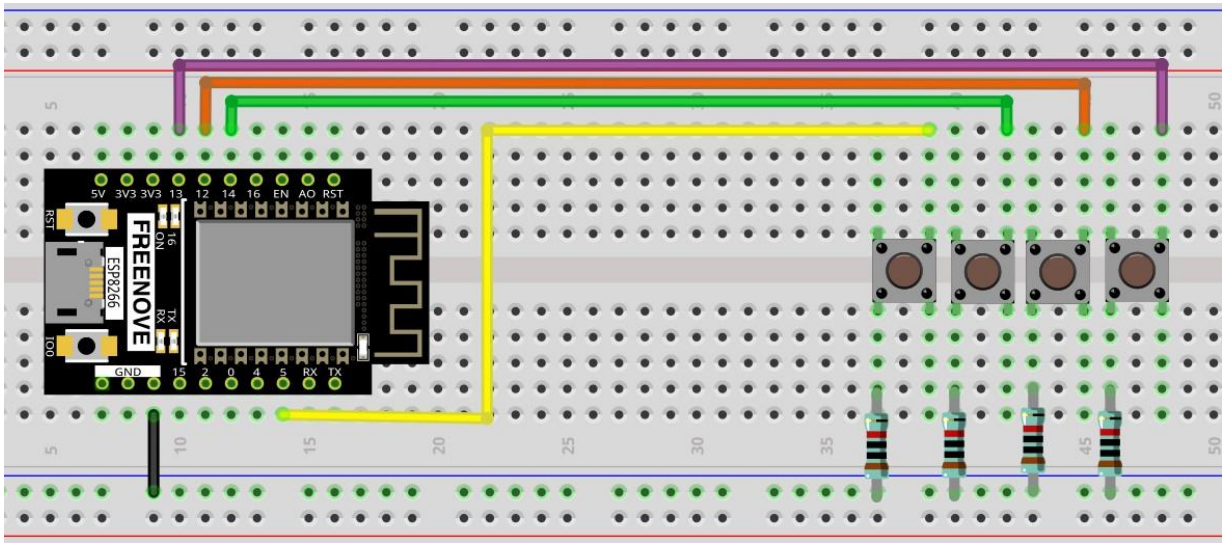
ESP8266 board x1 	Micro USB Wire x1 	
BreadBoard x1 		
Jumper wire M/M x5	Push button x4	Resistor 10kΩ x4

Circuit

Schematic diagram



Hardware connection



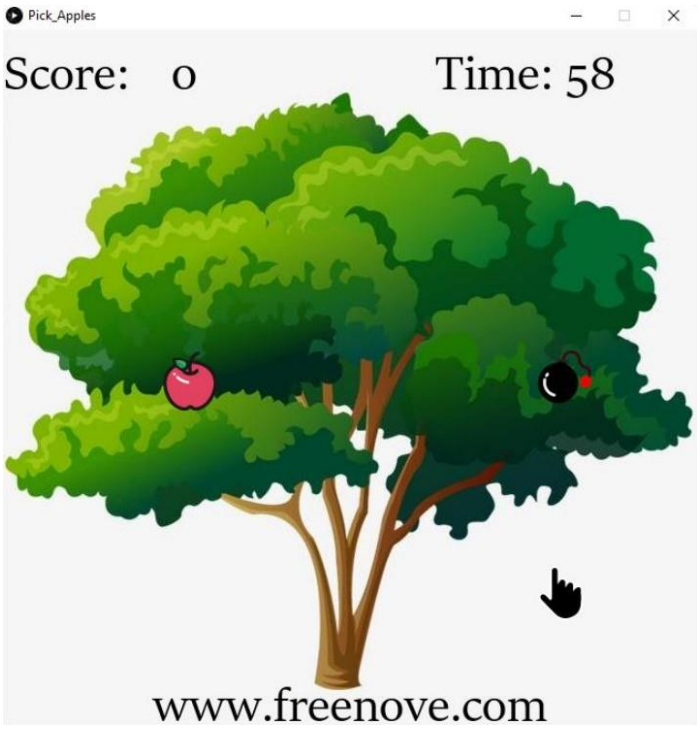
Buttons from left to right indicate down, up, right, and left.

Sketch

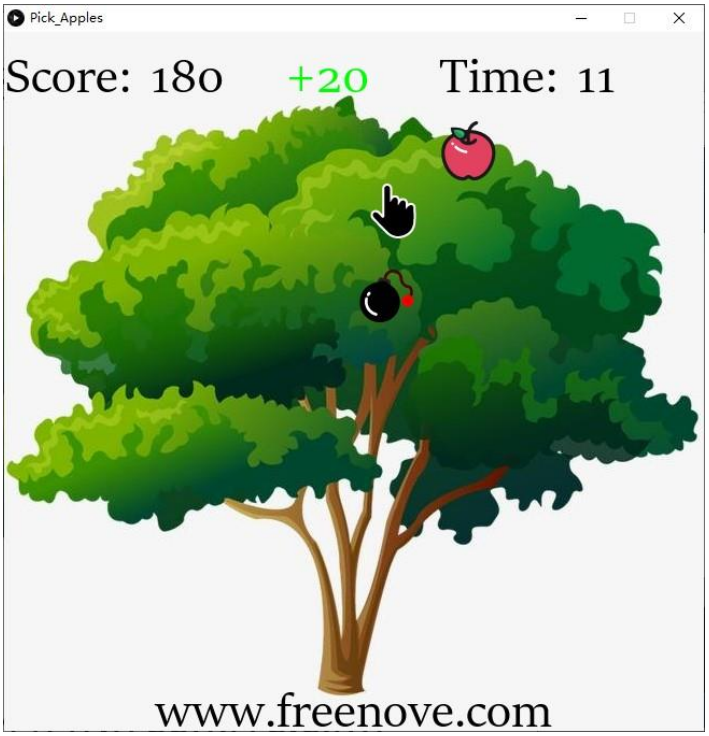
Sketch Pick Apples

Use Processing to open **Freenove_Ultimate_Starter_Kit_for_ESP8266\Processing\Processing\Pick_Apples\Pick_Apples.pde**, and click Run.

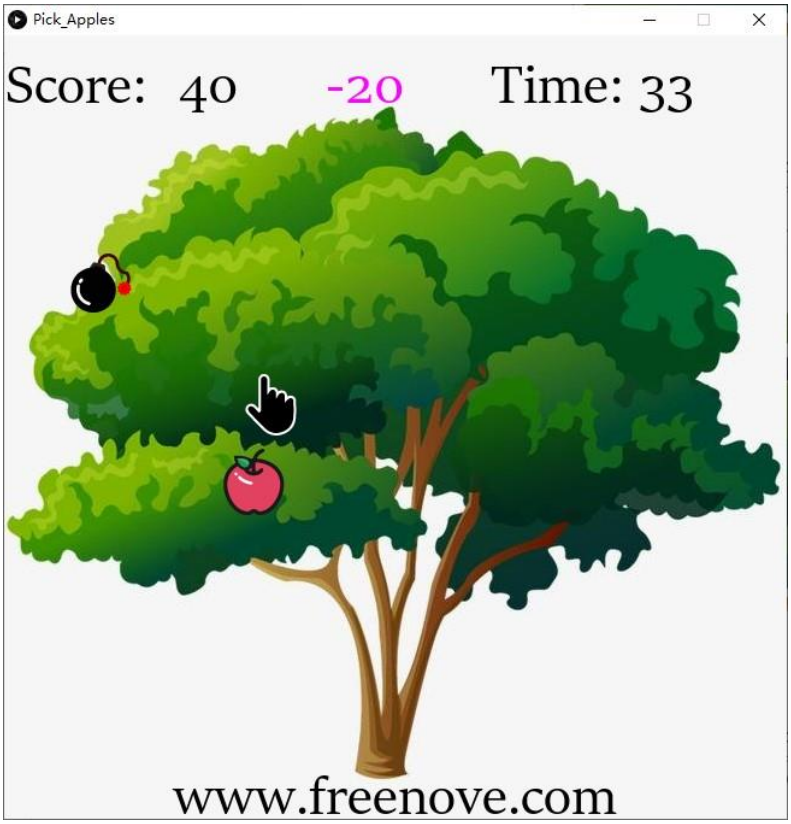
If the connection succeeds, the follow will be shown:



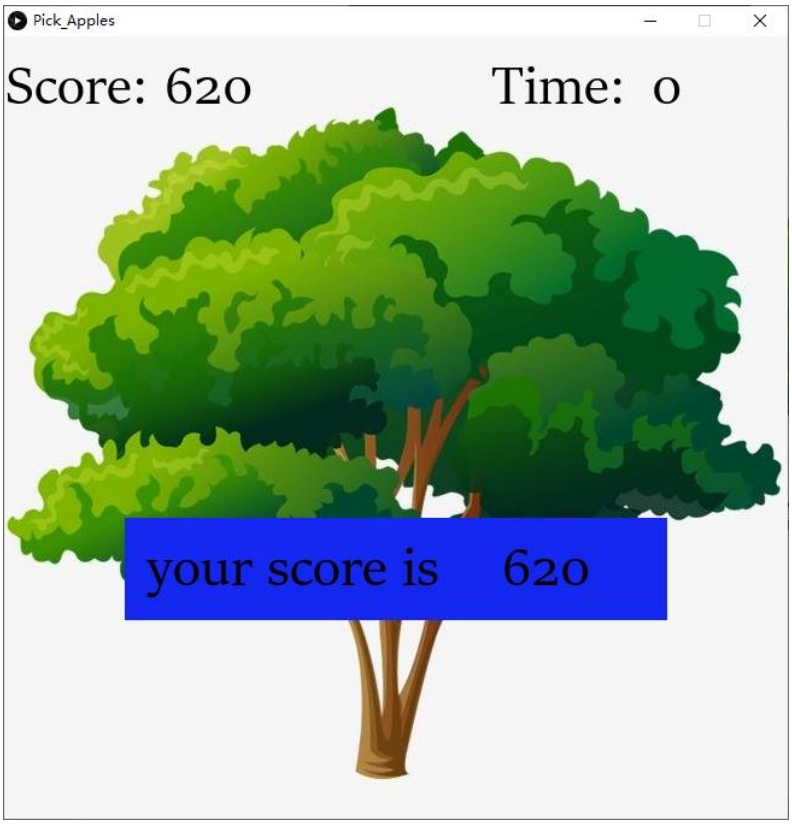
You can control the game with the corresponding buttons. When the palm picked the apple, score +20.



If the palm touches the bomb, the score is -20.



At the same time, you need to pick as many apples as possible before the countdown is over. When the game fails, press space bar to restart the game:



Additionally, you can restart the game by pressing the space bar at any time.

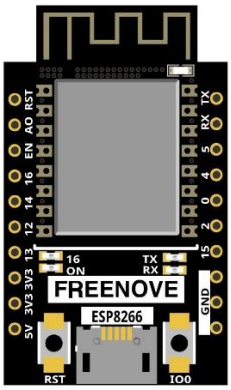
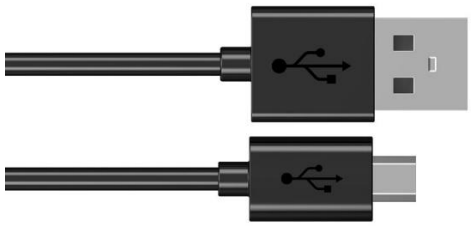
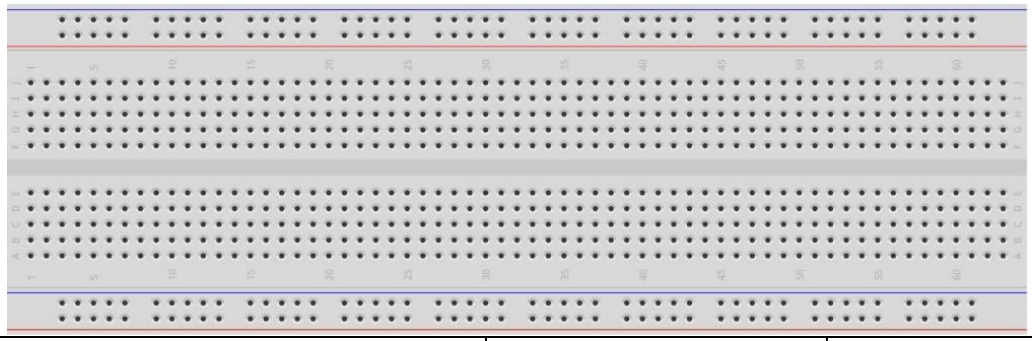
Chapter 4 Pong Game

We have experienced single-player game snake before. Now, let's use ESP8266 board to play classic two-player pong game. You will experience both 2D and 3D version.

Project 4.1 Pong Game

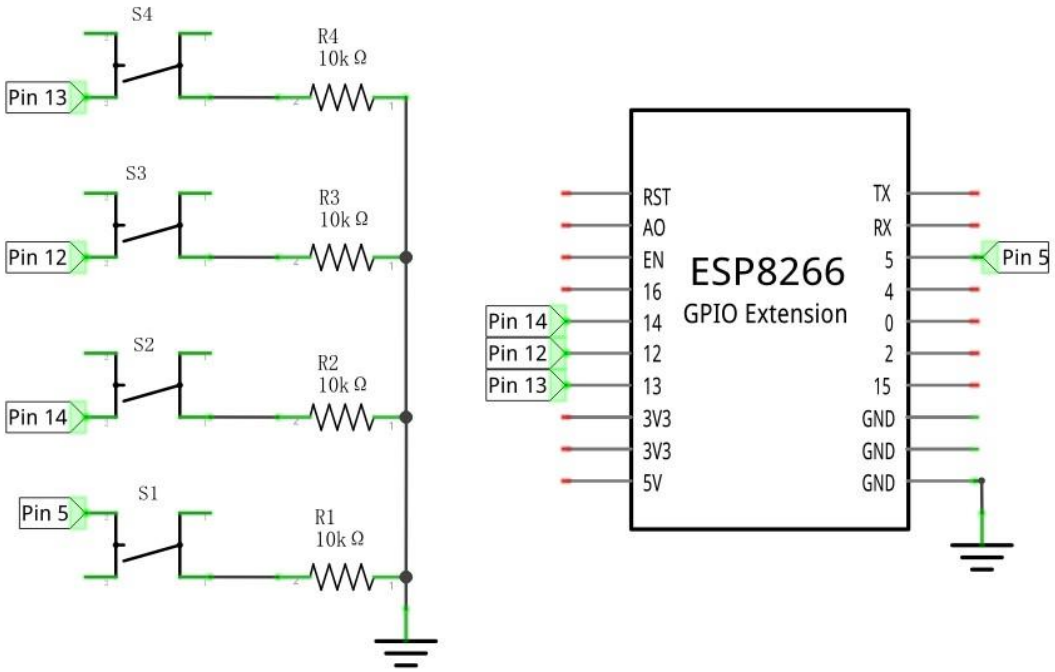
First, let's experience the 2D version game.

Component list

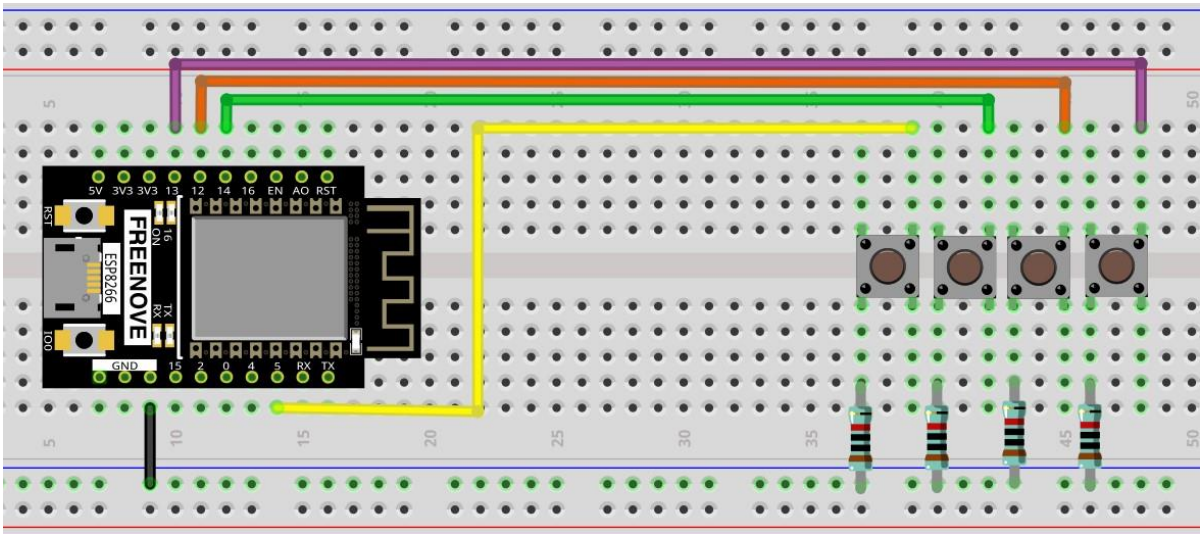
ESP8266 board x1 	Micro USB Wire x1 	
BreadBoard x1 		
Jumper wire M/M x5	Push button x4	Resistor 10kΩ x4

Circuit

Schematic diagram



Hardware connection



The left-to-right buttons represent player 2 left, Player 2 right, Player 1 right, and Player 1 left.

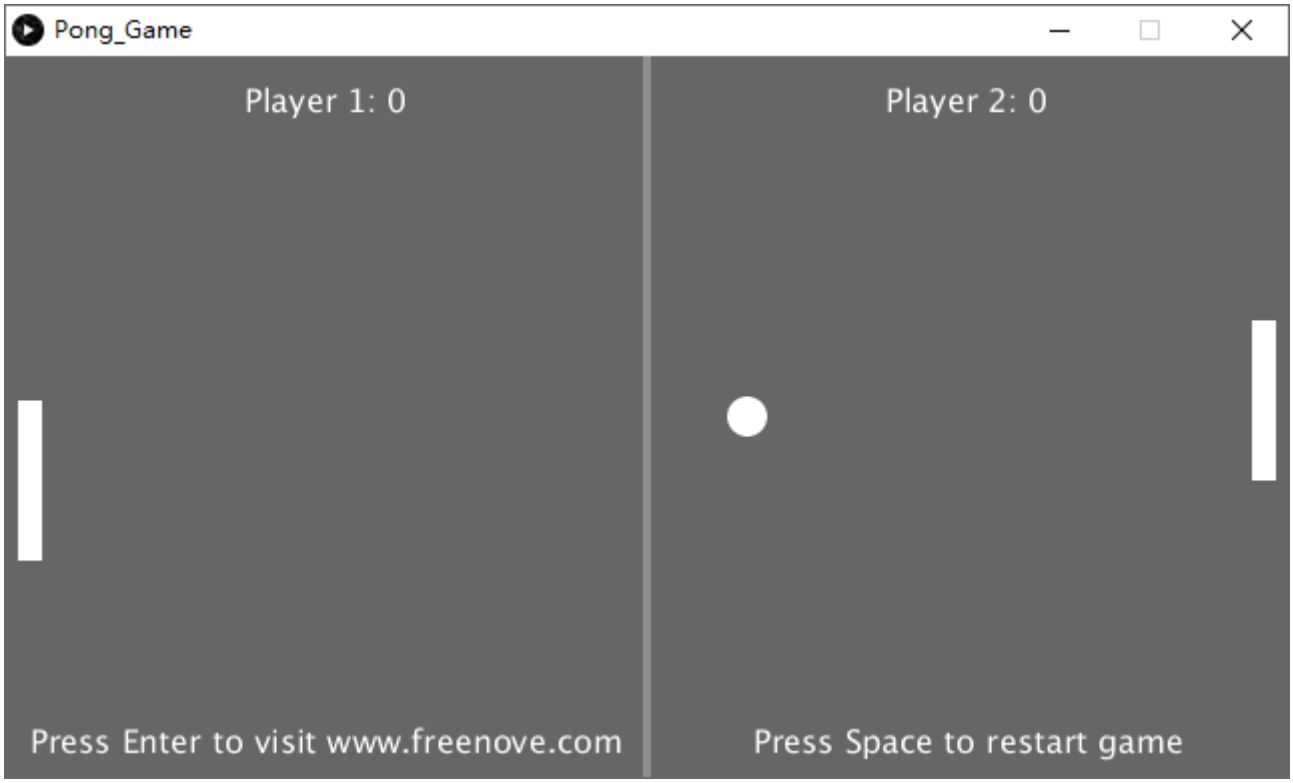
Sketch

Sketch Pong_Game

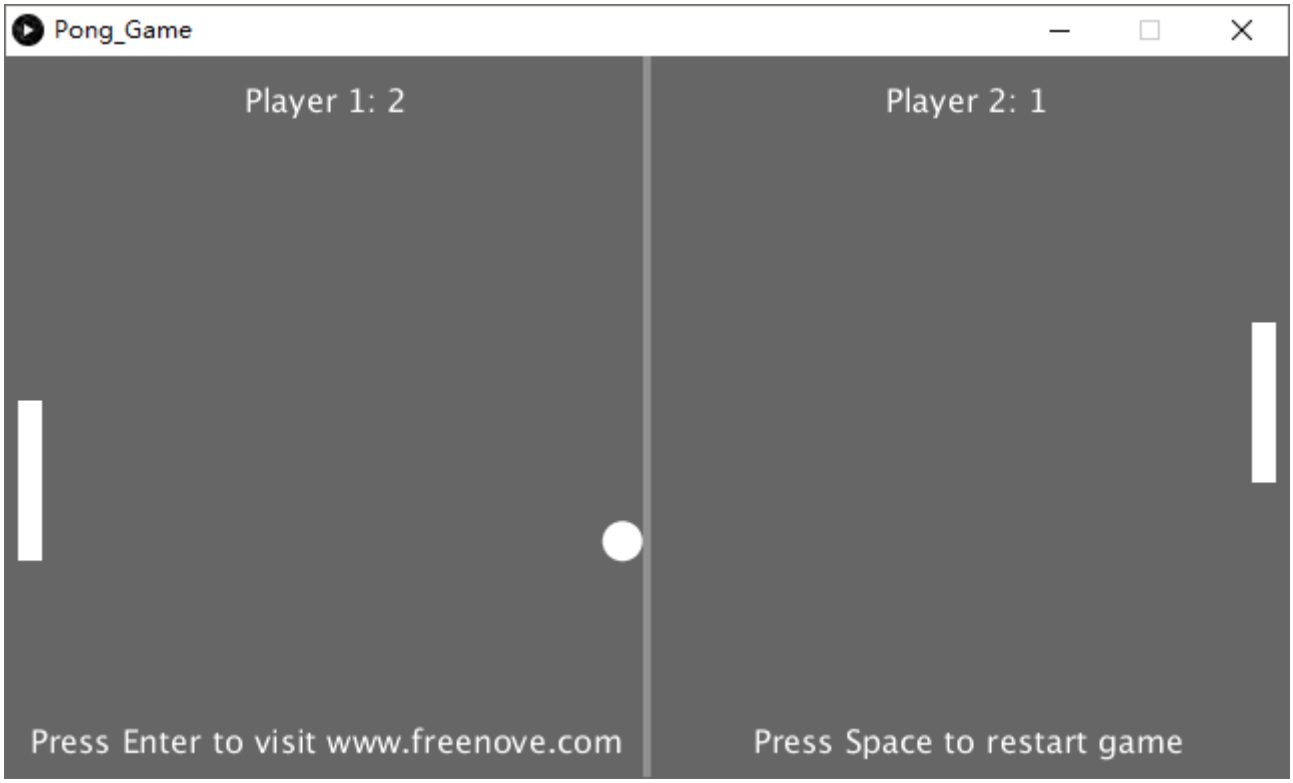
Use Processing to open **Freenove_Ultimate_Starter_Kit_for_ESP8266\Processing\Processing\Pong_Game\Pong_Game.pde** ,and click Run.

If the connection succeeds, the follow will be shown:

Now you can try to control the racket motion by pressing the corresponding button. Press space bar to start the game:



Use button to control the movement of paddle to block the ball back. The game rules are the same as classic pong game:



The game will be over when one side reachs three points. Pressing the space bar can restart the game:

Additionally, you can restart the game by pressing the space bar at any time.

Project 4.2 Pong Game 3D

Now, let's experience the 3D version game.

Component list

The same as last section.

Circuit

The same as last section.

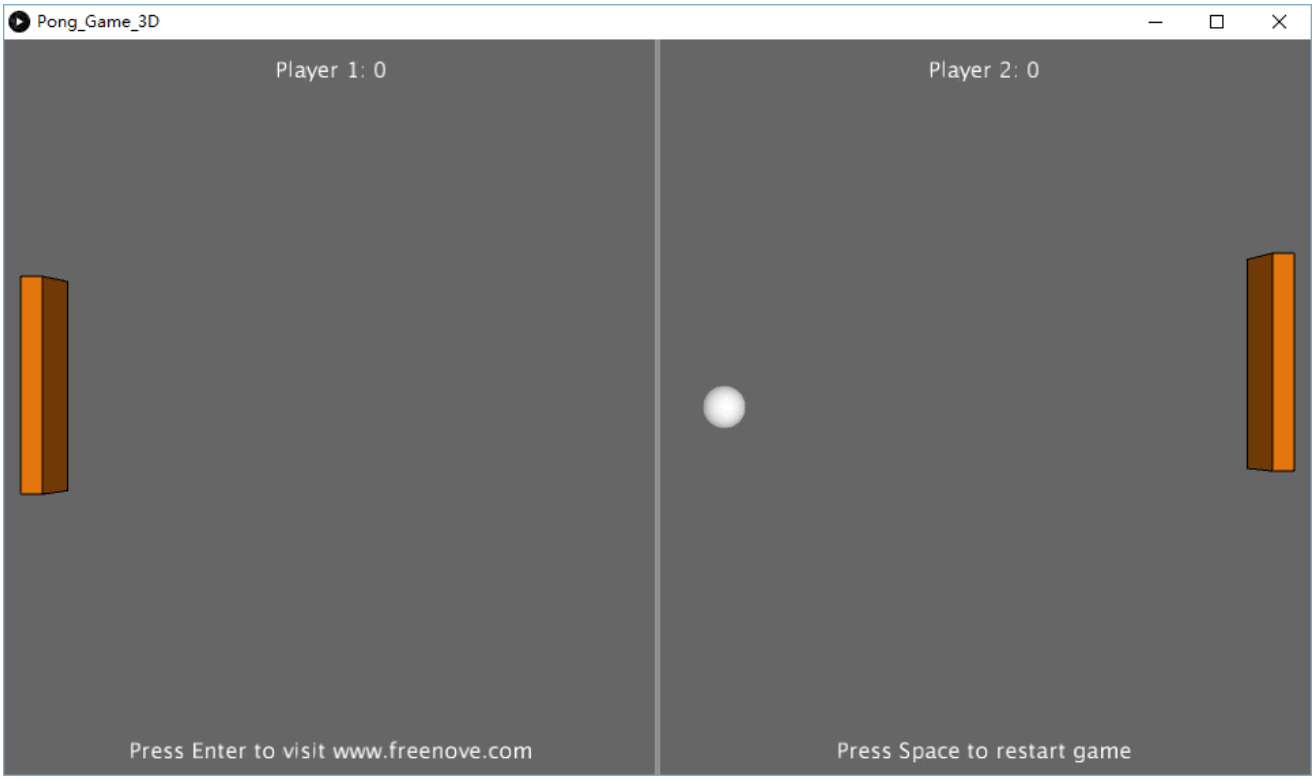
Sketch

Sketch Pong_Game_3D

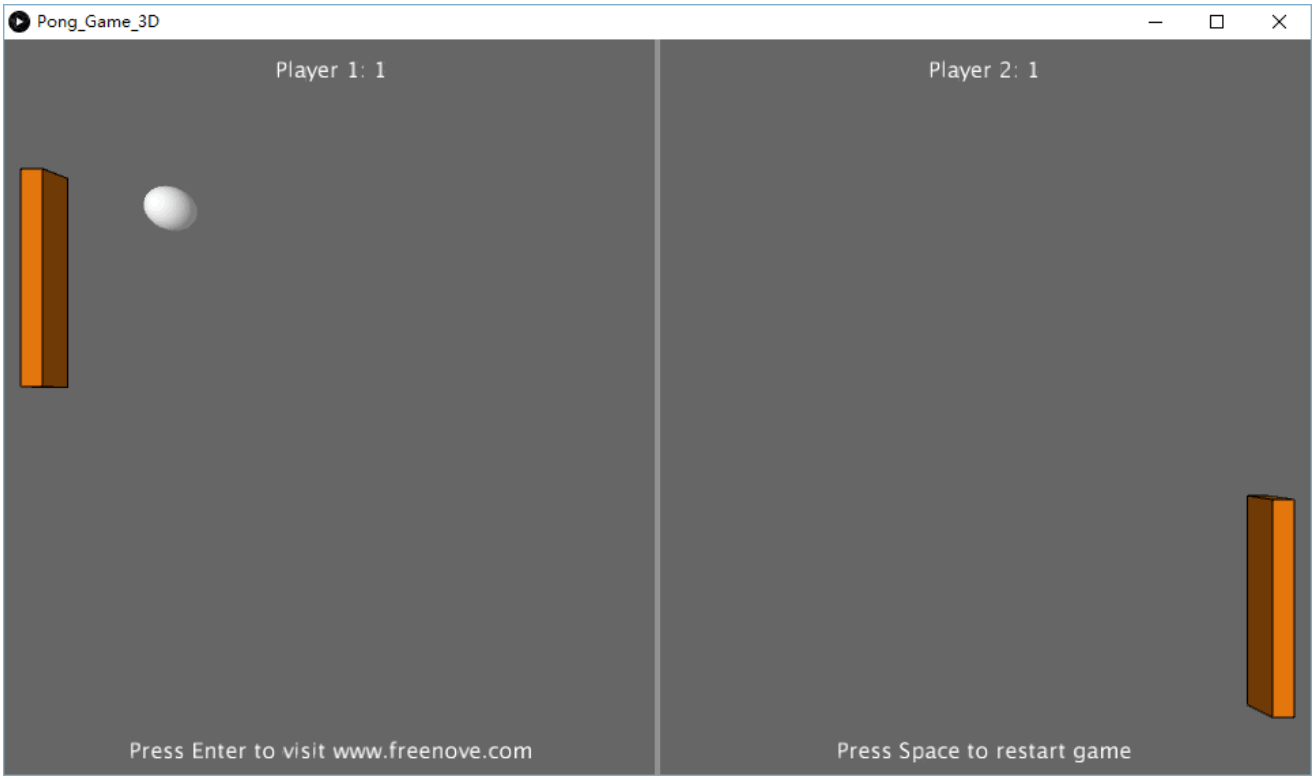
Use Processing to open **Freenove_Ultimate_Starter_Kit_for_ESP8266\Processing\Processing\Pong_Game_3D\Pong_Game_3D.pde** , and click Run.

If the connection succeeds, the follow will be shown:

Now you can try to control the racket motion by pressing the corresponding button. Press space bar to start the game:



Use button to control the movement of paddle to block the ball back. The game rules are the same as classic pong game:



The rest operation is the same as the 2D version.

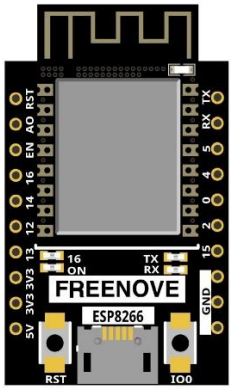
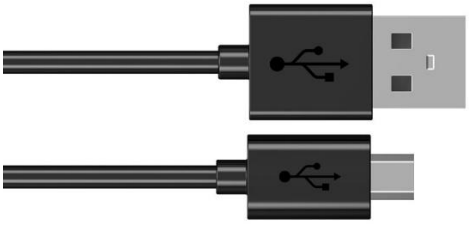
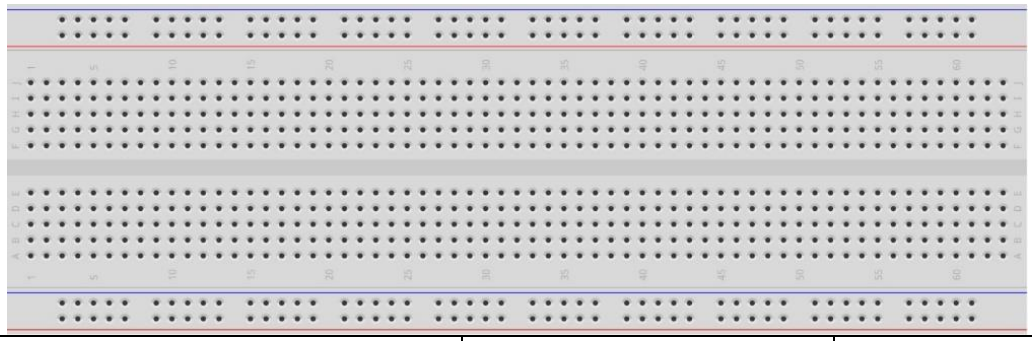
Chapter 5 Tetris

In this chapter, we prepare a tetris game for you. You can play the game by pressing the buttons.

Project 5.1 Tetris

Now, let's use Processing and ESP8266 board to achieve the tetris game.

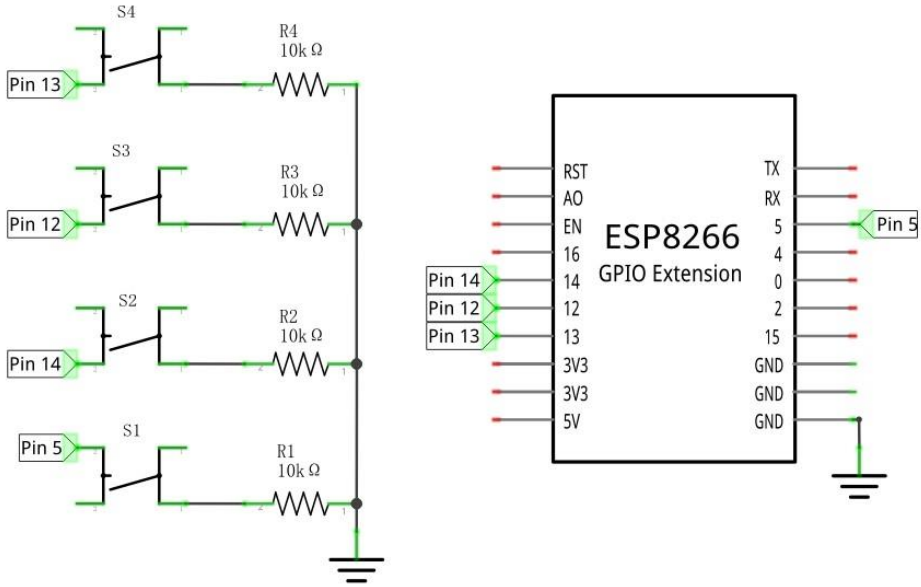
Component list

ESP8266 board x1 	Micro USB Wire x1 	
BreadBoard x1 		
Jumper wire M/M x5	Push button x4	Resistor 10kΩ x4

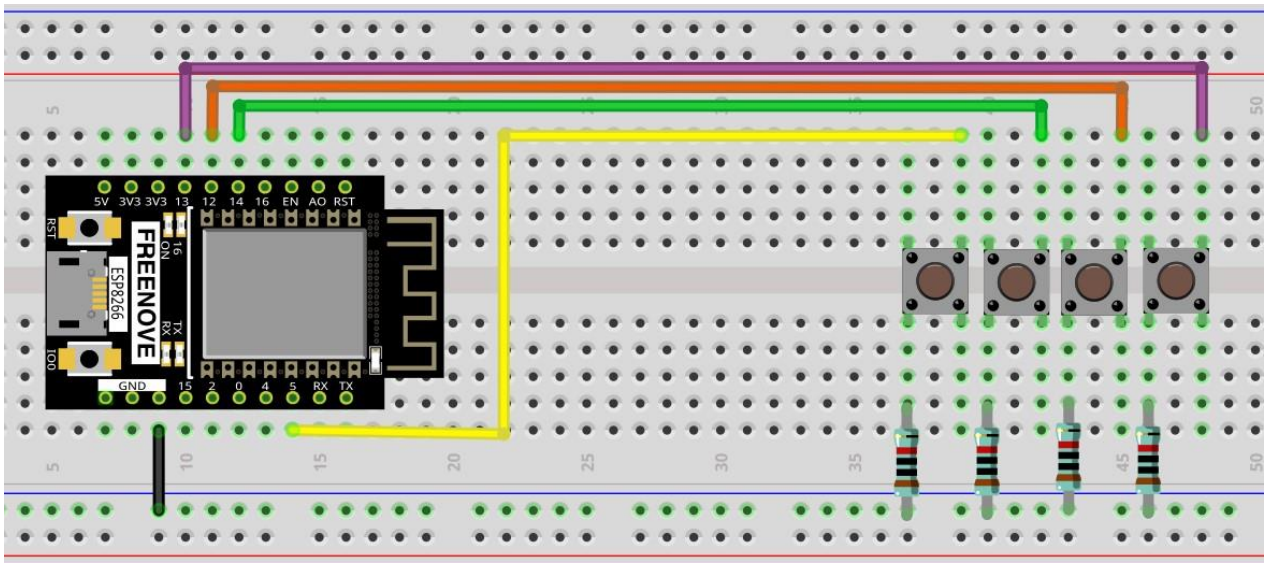
Circuit

Use Pin5, Pin14, Pin12, Pin13 port on ESP8266 board to control the movement of the block.

Schematic diagram



Hardware connection



Sketch

Sketch Tetris

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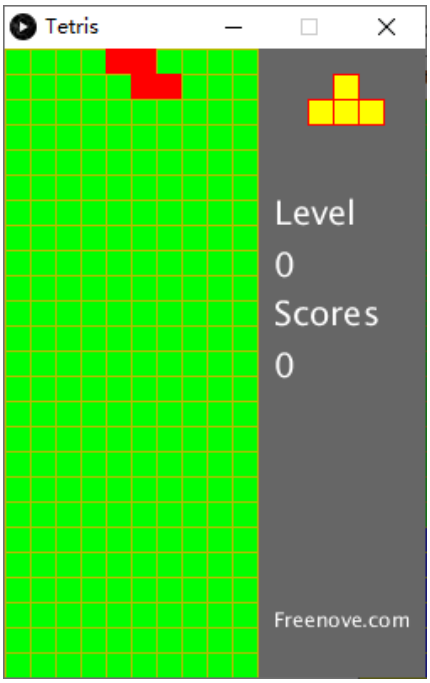
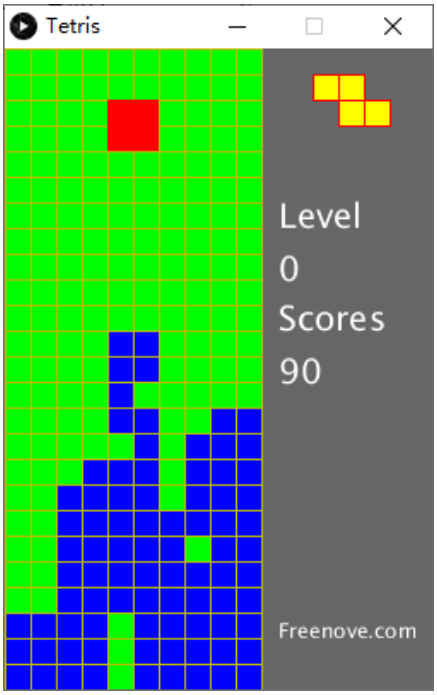
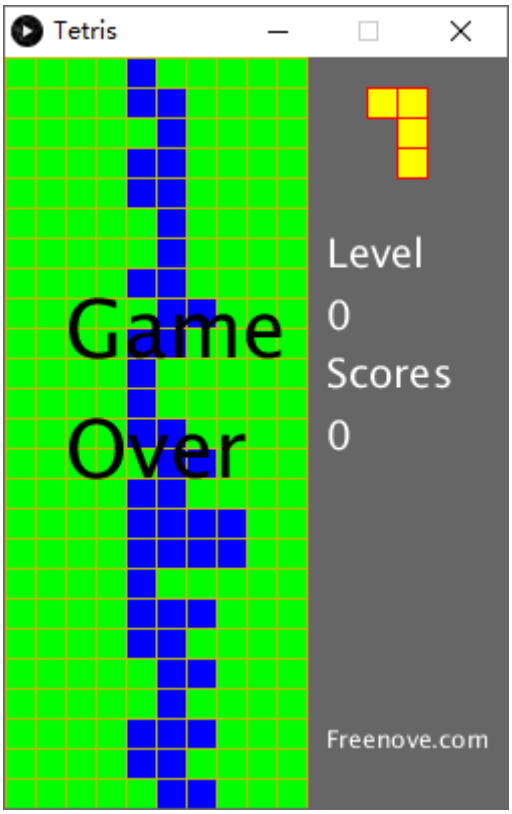


Now you can try using the buttons to control the falling block. Press the space bar to pause the game.



When the game is over, you can press the space bar to play the game again. Press ESC to exit the game.



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