

IOT

— A practical introduction with Pharo and PharoThings —

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Want more?

- ▶ A MOOC with more theoretical aspects:
<https://www.coursera.org/learn/iot/>
- ▶ PharoThings materials: <https://github.com/SquareBracketAssociates/Booklet-APharoThingsTutorial>

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What is IOT?

Internet of Things

- ▶ Objects inter-connected through the internet:
- ▶ Objects are unique entities sharing data in a network:
a person, a phone, a device...
- ▶ Device:
hardware (micro-computer, sensors, motors...) + software (*intelligence*),
- ▶ Objects are interrelated:
they transfer data between them through the network
- ▶ Objects use a protocol to communicate:
for example, an HTTP REST API through TCP/IP...
- ▶ Objects need a power source to be autonomous

What is IOT?

Examples of IOT systems/applications

- ▶ Personal health or sport monitoring systems
- ▶ Smart homes: your fridge now tells you when you need to refill!
- ▶ Logistics: automated warehouses and production chain monitoring
- ▶ Smart grids: optimizing energy production and routing
- ▶ Etc.

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Examples

- ▶ Temperature sensor: measures temperature in an environment
- ▶ Camera
- ▶ Accelerometer: measures acceleration
- ▶ ...

What do sensors measure?

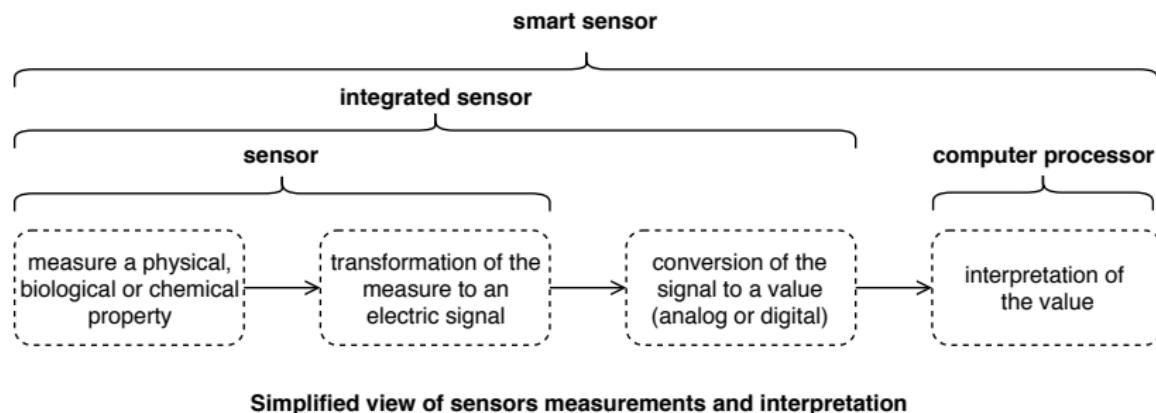
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Different kind of sensors

- ▶ **Basic sensor element:** transforms a physical phenomenon into an electronic signal

Example: RTD¹'s measure the resistance of metal, that changes with temperature

- ▶ **Integrated sensor:** sensor element with signal conditioning

Example: A sensor that transforms the resistance measured by a RTD into an analog signal (e.g., 0 to 1023)

- ▶ **Smart or intelligent sensor:** integrated sensor with additional features

Example: A sensor that transforms the analog value transformed from an RTD resistance into a human-readable temperature in Celsius

¹Resistance Temperature Detector

Actuators

Systems that physically interact with the environment

- ▶ Controlled by an electrical signal
 - ▶ Transforms the signal into a mechanical motion (output)
 - ▶ Requires a power source
- ▶ Has a direct impact on the environment
 - ▶ An actuator can affect sensors!

Examples

- ▶ LED: produces light
- ▶ Motor: induces movement
- ▶ Speaker: produces sound
- ▶ ...

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The Raspberry-pi single-board computer

Cheap general-purpose single-board computer

- ▶ ARM processor
- ▶ Linux based distributions or Windows IOT operating systems
- ▶ 40 GPIO (general-purpose input/output) pins to control sensors/actuators

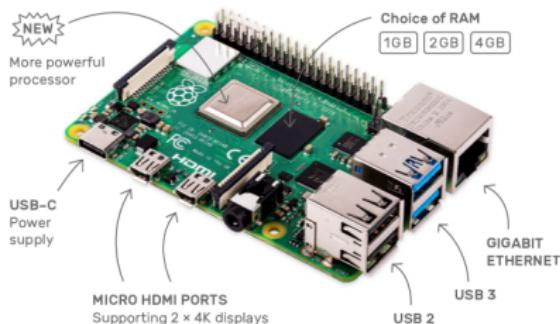


Figure: <https://www.raspberrypi.org/products/raspberry-pi-4-model-b/>

General properties of GPIO pins

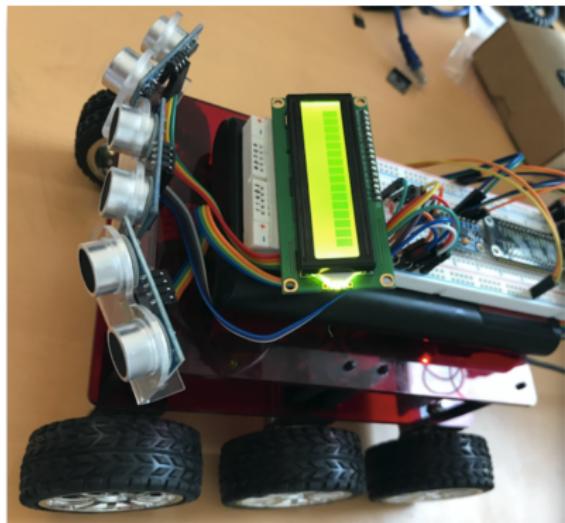
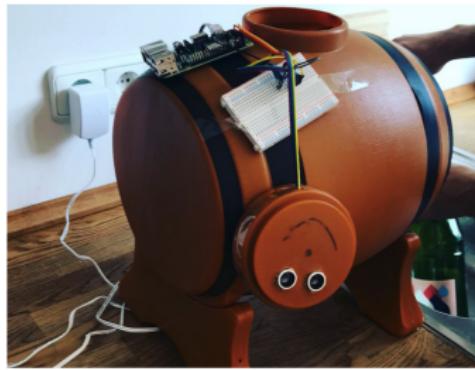
- ▶ Pins can be configured as input (e.g., to read sensors) or as output
- ▶ Values set to outputs or read as input can be set to high, or 1 (3.3V) or low, or 0 (0V)
- ▶ 4 hardware PWM (Pulse-Width Modulation) pins: control of the voltage by switching power on and off at a fast rate²
- ▶ SPI (Serial Peripheral Interface): synchronous serial communication interface between a master and a slave³
- ▶ I2C (Inter-Integrated Circuit): synchronous, multi-master, multi-slave, packet switched, single-ended, serial computer bus⁴
- ▶ 2 serial pins (transmission and reception)

²https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pulse-width_modulation

³https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Serial_Peripheral_Interface

⁴<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/I%C2%B2C>

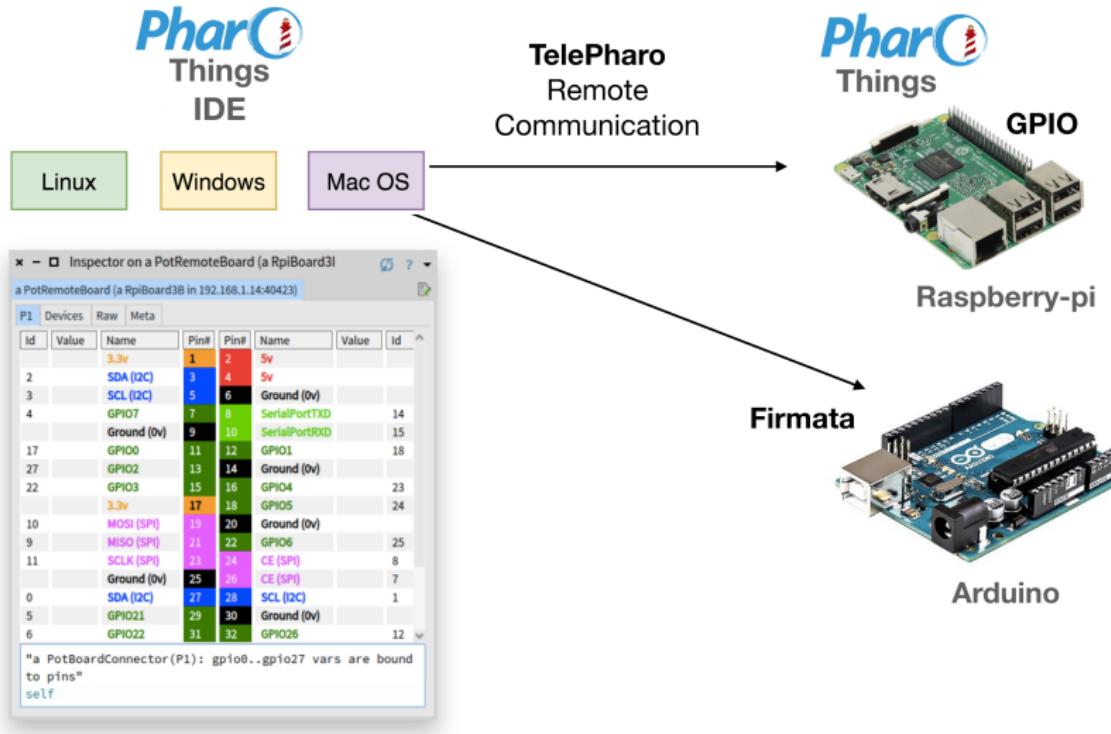
Example projects based on Raspberry-pi and Pharo-Things



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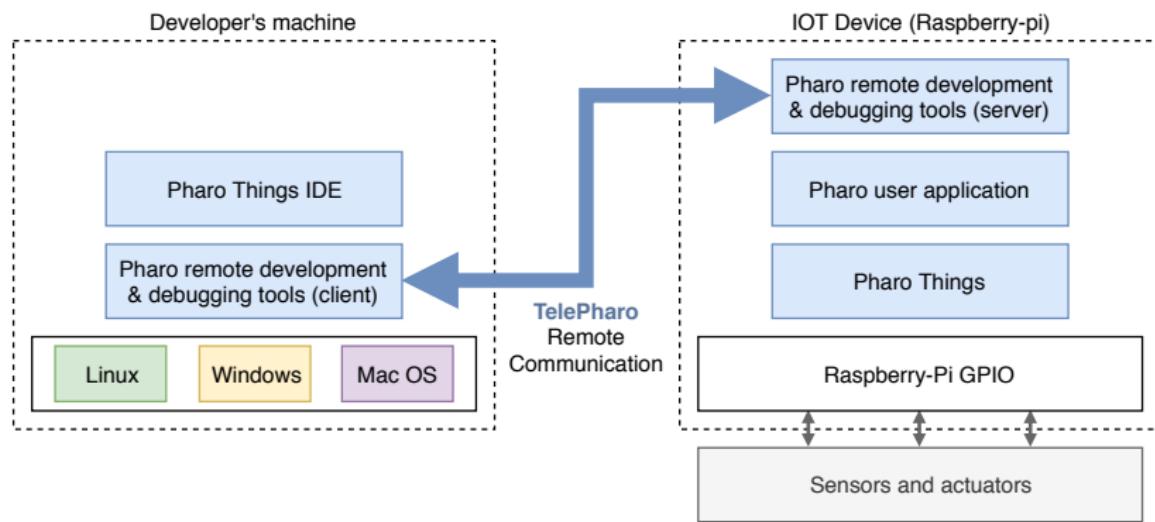
PharoThings



The PharoThings infrastructure

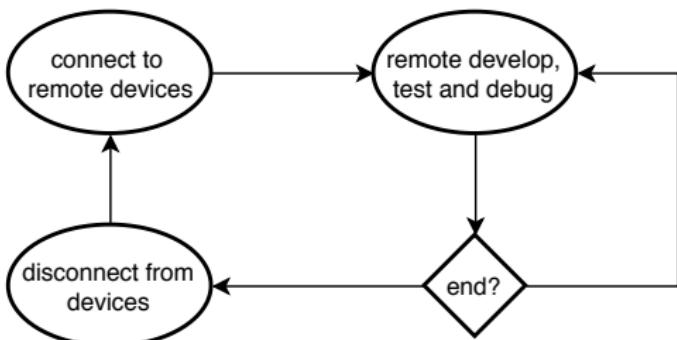
Developers (clients) connect to running IOT devices (servers)

- ▶ Developers connect to remote IOT devices running their application
- ▶ Pharo development and debugging tools are remotely usable through the TelePharo architecture
- ▶ Developers can connect to many devices at the same time from their development machine



PharoThings development process

1. Developers connect to running IOT application, deployed on IOT devices (Raspberry-pi)
2. Developers remotely and lively write, test and debug code
3. When development or debugging is finished, developers disconnect from the device
4. At any point developers can reconnect and start or continue developing their IOT app – which is still running!



Remote development and debugging tools

- ▶ Playground: write scripts and execute code
- ▶ Class browser: write classes and applications
- ▶ Inspector:
 - ▶ observe your application state
 - ▶ observe and interact with remote live objects
 - ▶ observe and control GPIO state
- ▶ Debugger: debug and fix your code (live!)
- ▶ Process browser: inspect and control running processes

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Downloading and starting PharoThings on the Raspberry-pi

On a running Raspbian on your Raspberry Pi

Open a terminal window in your Raspberry Pi (local or through remote SSH) and enter the following commands:

```
wget -O - get.pharoiot.org/server | bash
```

This downloads the server side and extracts the files to the pharoiot-server folder. The following commands will go to that folder and run the server:

```
cd pharoiot-server  
./pharo-server
```

- ▶ You should see this message: a TlpRemoteUIManager is registered on port 40423.
- ▶ This means that you have the TelePharo architecture running on your Raspberry on TCP port 40423 !
- ▶ Now you can use Pharo IoT on your computer to connect to your Raspberry and create IoT applications remotely.

Connecting to a remote device

On a running Raspbian on your Raspberry Pi

- ▶ First download the PharoThings IDE on your Windows/Linux/Mac computer get.pharoiot.org/multi.zip and run Pharo
- ▶ Open a playground in your local pharo image
- ▶ Write and doIt the following:

```
remotePharo := TIpRemoteIDE connectTo:  
    (TCPAddress ip: #[192 168 1 200] port: 40423).
```

If you don't receive any error, this means that you are connected. The `remotePharo` object allows you to interact with the remote device.

Inspecting the physical board (1)

We can inspect the software model of the remote device

- ▶ We must select the model corresponding to physical board
 - ▶ RpiBoardBRev1: Raspberry Pi Model B Revision 1
 - ▶ RpiBoardBRev2: Raspberry Pi Model B Revision 2
 - ▶ RpiBoard3B: Raspberry Pi Model B+, Pi2 Model B, Pi3 Model B, Pi3 Model B+
- ▶ In the playground on your local image, evaluate the following:

```
remoteBoard := remotePharo evaluate: [ RpiBoard3B current ].
```

- ▶ RpiBoard3B is a class from the remote system
- ▶ RpiBoard3B current returns the current instance of the board
- ▶ evaluate: remotely evaluates the block of code and returns the result
- ▶ remoteBoard stores that result, a remote instance of RpiBoard3B

Inspecting the physical board (2)

We can inspect the software model of the remote device

- ▶ Evaluate `remoteBoard inspect` to observe the state of the board
- ▶ The board inspector shows a layout of pins similar to Raspberry Pi docs
- ▶ This is a live tool which represents the current pins state

x - □ Inspector on a PotRemoteBoard (a RpiBoard3B in 192.168.1.106:40423)

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	Ground	9	10	11	gpio15	RXD (Serial)	
		gpio17	11	12	gpio18	PWM	
		gpio27	13	14	Ground		
		gpio22	15	16	gpio23		
3.3v			17	18	gpio24		
	MOSI (SPI)	gpio10	19	20	Ground		
	MISO (SPI)	gpio9	21	22	gpio25		
	SCLK (SPI)	gpio11	23	24	gpio8	CE (SPI)	
	Ground	25	26	gpio7	CE (SPI)		
	SDA (I2C)	gpio0	27	28	gpio1	SCL (I2C)	
		gpio5	29	30	Ground		
		gpio6	31	32	gpio12	PWM	
	PWM	gpio13	33	34	Ground		
	MISO (SPI)	gpio19	35	36	gpio16		
		gpio26	37	38	gpio20	MOSI (SPI)	
	Ground	39	40	gpio21	SLCK (SPI)		

Using GPIO: set a pin state (1)

- ▶ Digital pins can be set to HIGH (1) or LOW (0)
- ▶ They are shown with green/red icons which represent HIGH/LOW
- ▶ Digital pins' values are set using the value: message send to a pin
- ▶ Execute the following code in the lower pane of the board inspector: icons are updated according to pin value changes

```
pin := gpio4.  
pin beDigitalOutput.  
pin value: 1
```

Using GPIO: set a pin state (2)

- Results are visible in the board inspector:

x - □ Inspector on a PotRemoteBoard (a RpiBoard3B) ⚙ ?

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```
led1 := gpio4.  
led1 beDigitalOutput.  
led1 value: 1
```

Using GPIO: read a pin state (1)

- ▶ Digital pins can be configured as inputs, possible states: HIGH (1)/LOW (0)
- ▶ Digital pins' values are read using the value message send to a pin
- ▶ Output pins also respond to value, and return the last set state
- ▶ Write the following code in the lower pane of the board inspector, and execute it:

```
inputPin := gpio17.  
inputPin beDigitalInput.  
inputPin value inspect
```

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```
inputPin := gpio17.  
inputPin beDigitalInput .  
inputPin value.] 0
```

Scripting with the remote playground

Writing and reading GPIO from the remote playground

- ▶ We can interact with the GPIO in scripts and programs
- ▶ Open locally a remote playground: `remotePharo openPlayground`
- ▶ The remote playground opens, now get the current board instance:

```
board := RpiBoard3B current.
```

- ▶ Configure a new digital pin with the current board instance :

```
pin := PotGPIO id: 7.  
pin board: board.
```

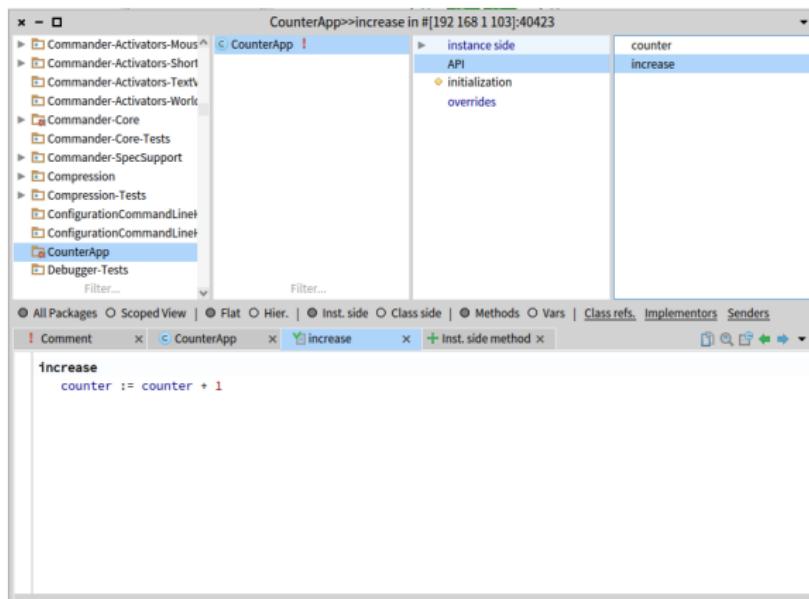
- ▶ Set the pin as output, set a HIGH value, inspect the state of the pin:

```
pin beDigitalOutput.  
pin value: 1.  
pin value inspect
```

Developing with the remote class browser

Develop your applications with the remote class browser

- ▶ Write a package
- ▶ Write a class with a method that increases a counter
- ▶ Use the remote playground to instantiate your class and play with your counter
- ▶ Save your remote code modifications: `remotePharo saveImage`



Remote debugging

Live debugging of a remote application

- ▶ In your remote counter class, write the following method:

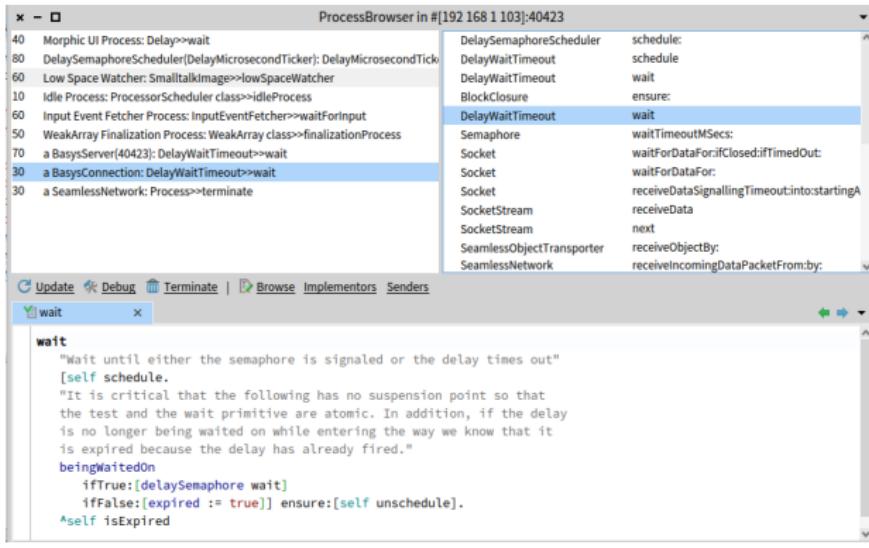
```
decrease  
    counter := counter / 0
```

- ▶ Instantiate your counter in the remote playground
- ▶ Call the decrease method: there is an error because of the division by 0!
- ▶ Click "debug": a remote debugger opens
- ▶ Fix the method, then click "proceed"
- ▶ The remote code is modified and the execution continues!

The remote process browser

Inspect and control processes running on your remote Pharo application

- ▶ Remotely open it using `remotePharo openProcessBrowser`
- ▶ Process priorities are on the left
- ▶ Process names are displayed in the first column
- ▶ Process stacks are on the right
- ▶ The action bar in the middle allows you to control processes



The screenshot shows the ProcessBrowser interface. The main pane displays a list of processes with their class names and methods. A specific entry, "a BasysConnection: DelayWaitTimeout->wait", is selected. To the right of the list, a detailed stack trace is shown for the selected method. At the bottom, there is an action bar with buttons for Update, Debug, Terminate, and links to Browse, Implementors, and Senders. A search bar at the bottom also contains the word "wait".

Process	Method	Description
Morphic UI Process: Delay->wait	Delay	schedule: schedule
DelaySemaphoreScheduler(DelayMicrosecondTicker): DelayMicrosecondTick	DelaySemaphoreScheduler	schedule
Low Space Watcher: SmalltalkImage->lowSpaceWatcher	LowSpaceWatcher	wait
Idle Process: ProcessorScheduler class->idleProcess	ProcessorScheduler	ensure:
Input Event Fetcher Process: InputEventFetcher->waitForInput	InputEventFetcher	wait
WeakArray Finalization Process: WeakArray class->finalizationProcess	WeakArray	waitForDataMSecs: waitTimeoutMSecs:
a BasysServer(40423): DelayWaitTimeout->wait	Socket	waitForDataFor:ifClosed:ifTimedOut: waitForDataFor:
a BasysConnection: DelayWaitTimeout->wait	Socket	receiveDataSignallingTimeout:into:startingA
a SeamlessNetwork: Process->terminate	SocketStream	receiveData
	SocketStream	next
	SeamlessObjectTransporter	receiveObjectBy:
	SeamlessNetwork	receiveIncomingDataPacketFrom:by:

wait

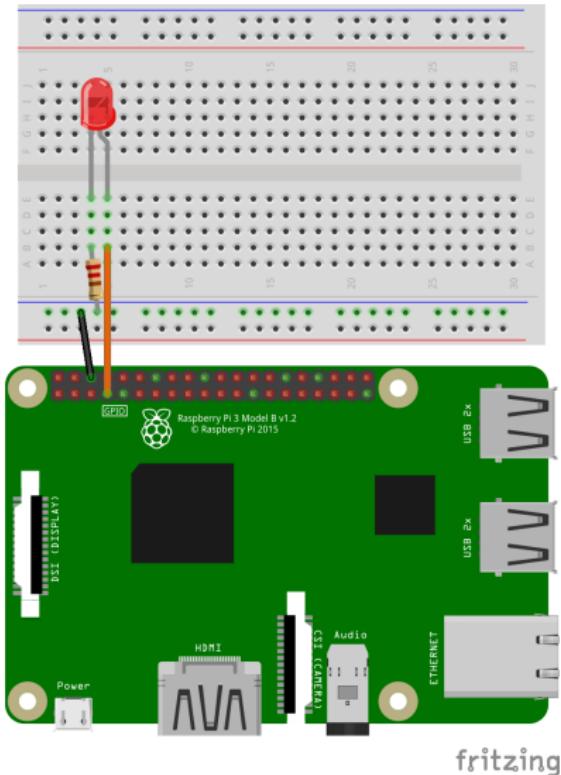
```
"Wait until either the semaphore is signaled or the delay times out"
[self schedule].
"It is critical that the following has no suspension point so that
the test and the wait primitive are atomic. In addition, if the delay
is no longer being waited on while entering the way we know that it
is expired because the delay has already fired."
beingWaitedOn
    ifTrue:[delaySemaphore wait]
    ifFalse:[expired := true]] ensure:[self unschedule].
^self isExpired
```

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Turning LEDs on and off

Follow and adapt code from tutorial chapter 2



1. Build the LED circuit
2. Connect to the remote Pharo image
3. Open a remote Raspberry-pi board inspector
4. Set the LED pin to HIGH
5. Play with `toggleDigitalValue` to toggle the LED pin state

Blinking a LED

Follow and adapt code from tutorial chapter 3

1. Reuse the previous lesson to set an output pin for the LED
2. Write a loop that toggles the pin state
3. Use a delay to wait between each iteration
4. Create a process by forking the loop (and give it a name)

```
[10 timesRepeat: [
    led toggleDigitalValue.
    (Delay forSeconds: 1) wait
]
] forkNamed: 'BlinkerProcess'
```

Model your own LED blinder

Follow and adapt code from tutorial chapter 4

- ▶ We want a blinder object, that we can control!
1. Create a Blinker class in the remote browser
 2. The class must have a process instance variable
 3. The class must have a delay instance variable
 4. The class must have a led instance variable
 5. Create an initialize method to set the initial state of the blinder
 6. You must be able to start and stop the blinking

```
| blinder |
blinder := Blinker new.
blinder delay: 1 second.
blinder start. "start the blinder"
blinder stop. "stop the blinder"
```

Make your LED breath using PWM

Follow and adapt code from tutorial chapter 7

- We want a to make a LED light up then fade away

```
| breathingLed |
breathingLed := BreathingLed new.
breathingLed breatheDelay: 10 milliSeconds.
breathingLed breatheFrom: 10 to: 25.
breathingLed startBreathing.
```

1. Create a BreathingLed class with the remote browser
2. Configure the LED pin to PWM output:

```
led function: PotPWMFunction new.
led bePWMOuput.
```

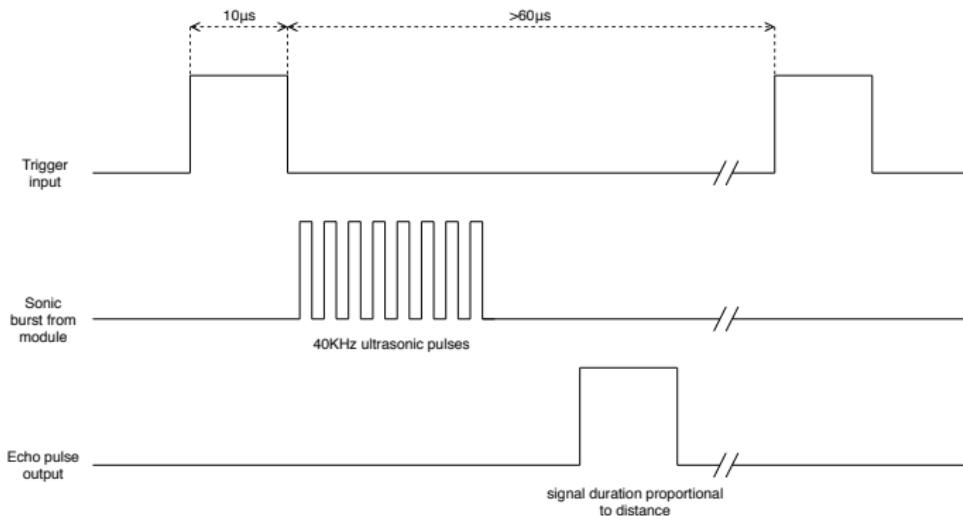
3. The PWM value must be in the interval [0, 1023]:

```
led writePWMValue: 42.
```

4. To make the led breath, you must increment the PWM value by 1 from a start value in a loop until it reaches a stop value. When it does, decrease the value by 1 until it reaches the start value again, and so on.

Ultra-Sonic sensor: basic concepts

- ▶ The sensor sends an ultrasonic pulse, triggered by a $10 \mu\text{s}$ 5V signal on the Trigger pin
- ▶ Pulse waves reflect on objects in front and are reflected back to the sensor
- ▶ The sensor detects these waves and sends a 5V signal on the Echo pin
- ▶ The duration of the echo signal is proportional to the distance: we can approximate the distance using the speed of sound ($\approx 340\text{m.s}^{-1}$)



Ultra-Sonic sensor: write your own driver!

Build the circuitry

- ▶ Follow instructions from chapter 10

Write your own driver

- ▶ Create a class with two instance variables: an echo and a trigger pins
- ▶ Create an instance creation method to initialize the pins:

```
sensor trigger: triggerPinId echo: echoPinId
```

- ▶ Write the sensor behavior:
 1. A method that sends a pulse
 2. A method that receives the pulse back signal and computes its duration
 3. A method that computes the distance from the pulse duration
 4. An interface method named `readDistance` that use all the previous method to return a distance (see next slide)
- ▶ Test your sensor!

Write your own driver: the pulse back signal reception (1/2)

Concept of a pulseIn⁵

- ▶ Reads a pulse (either HIGH or LOW) on a pin
- ▶ For example, if value is HIGH, waits for the pin to go from LOW to HIGH
- ▶ Starts a timer then waits for the pin to go LOW and stops timing
- ▶ Returns the length of the pulse in microseconds or gives up and returns 0 if no complete pulse was received within the timeout

In Pharo:

- ▶ We do not have the pulseIn mechanism in Pharo, therefore we have to simulate it!

⁵<https://www.arduino.cc/reference/en/language/functions/advanced-io/pulseIn/>

Write your own driver: the pulse back signal reception (2/2)

Simulated pulseIn in Pharo

Function: pulseln

Data: The Echo pin *echo* set as digital input and with pull down resister enabled^a

Result: A duration

begin

```
while read(echo) == 0 do
| startTime ← currentTime
end
while read(echo) == 1 do
| endTime ← currentTime
end
return endTime - startTime
end
```

^asend the enablePullDownResister message to the pin object

Write your own driver: the `readDistance` interface

Beware of timeouts!

- ▶ Use a semaphore to avoid infinite waiting on timeouts!

```
readDistance
| travelTime semaphore |
semaphore := Semaphore new.
[ ...use the sensor to find travel time... ] fork.
semaphore
    wait: 100 milliSeconds
    onCompletion: [...return the travel time...]
    onTimeout: [ self rebootSensor. ^ -1 ]
```

- ▶ When the sensor times out, use the reboot trick:

```
rebootSensor
echoPin beDigitalOutput; value: 1.
1 milliSeconds wait.
echoPin value: 0.
echoPin beDigitalInput; enablePullDownResister.
triggerPin beDigitalOutput; value: 0
```

Ultra-Sonic sensor: combine it with LED breathing!

Write an IOT application using an LED and an UltraSonic sensor

1. When there is nothing closer than 1 meter, the LED is off
2. When something is detected closer than 1 m, the light starts emitting light
3. The closer the obstacle, the brighter must be the LED!

I2C Sensors

LCD screen

Mini wheather station

Web server

3D gyro sensor