BEGINNER EV3 PROGRAMMING LESSON



Topics Covered: Color Sensor



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LESSON OBJECTIVES

- 1. Learn how to use the Color Sensor
- 2. Learn about Coast and Brake

WHAT IS A SENSOR?

- A sensor lets an EV3 program measure and collect data about is surroundings
- The EV3 sensors include:
 - Color measures color and darkness
 - Gyro measures rotation of robot
 - Ultrasonic measures distance to nearby surfaces
 - Touch measures contact with surface
 - Infrared measures IR remote's signals

Our lessons will cover the 4 sensors in green.



Image from: http://www.ucalgary.ca/IOSTEM/files/IOSTEM/media_crop/44/public/sensors.jpg

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WHAT IS THE COLOR SENSOR?

- What are they? Sensors that detect the intensity of light that enters it
- Three modes: Color, Reflected Light Intensity and Ambient Light Intensity
 - Color Mode: Recognizes 7 colors (black, brown, blue, green, yellow, red, white) and No Color
 - Reflected Light: Measures the intensity of the light reflected back from a lamp that emits a red light. (0=very dark and 100=very light)
 - Ambient Light: Measures the strength of the light that enters the sensor from the environment. (0=very dark and 100=very light)
- USES:
 - Move until a line
 - Follow a line



We will use COLOR MODE in this Lesson

ANOTHER MOVE STEERING TIP: COAST OR BRAKE?

- Something more about the Move Steering Block
- You will notice you have an option to COAST or BRAKE
- Coast will make the motors keep moving.
 Brake makes the motors stop immediately.
- Which do you use to stop EXACTLY on a colored line?

COLOR SENSOR CHALLENGE

Make the robot move up to a green line using the color sensor?

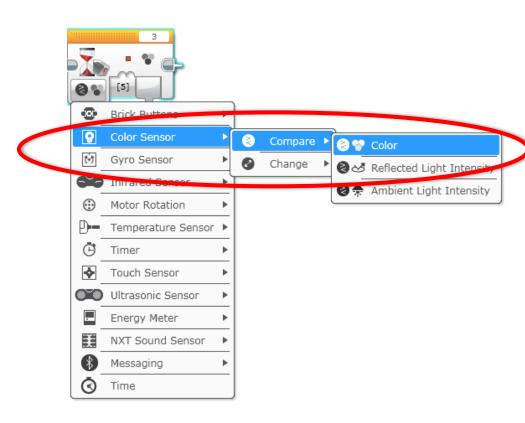
Step 1: Use Wait For Color

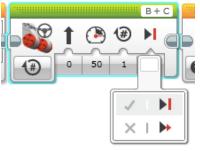
Step 2: Use the color

sensor in COLOR MODE

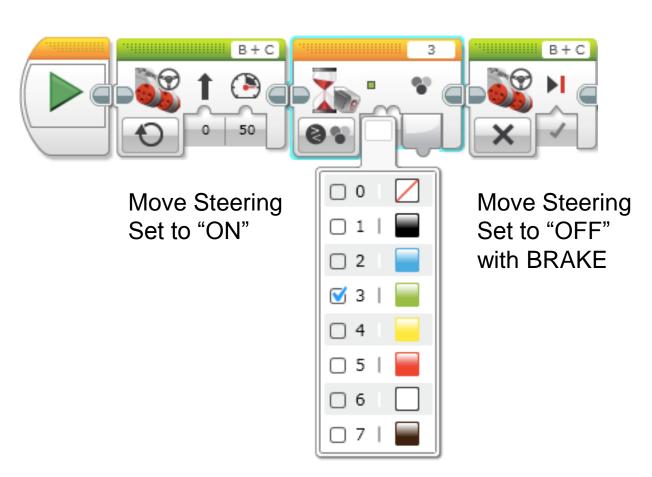
Step 3: Coast or Brake?

Hint: You will use Move Steering (think about motor on and off) and Wait for "Color"





COLOR SENSOR CHALLENGE SOLUTION



START

FINISH

Wait until Color is Green (#3)

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Can you look for more than one color with the color sensor?

Answer: Yes



What is the difference between COAST and BRAKE in a Move Steering Block?

Ans. Coast will allow your motors to spin freely after a move, but Brake will Immediately stop it

CREDITS

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