Simplicity and Fun: Learning with CircuitPython

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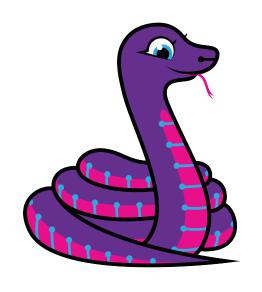
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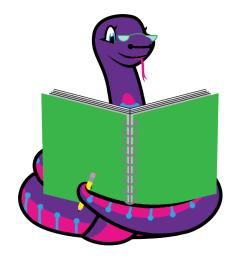
What is CircuitPython?

- It's Python
- Runs on microcontrollers
- Open source software



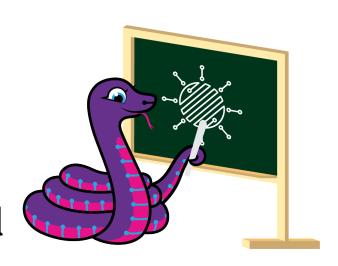
Why would you use it?

- Development always considers beginners
- Lowers the barrier for entry
- Getting started is simple
- The "First Five Minutes"



Educator Demographics

- Previous teaching experience
- Pre-CircuitPython content
- Student age and education level
- Learning CircuitPython to teach it



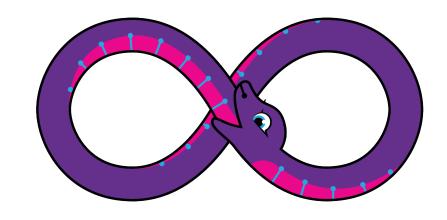
Education Experience

- Teaching has been a positive experience.
- The choice to switch to CircuitPython
 - Simple to use
 - It's Python
 - Tangible, physical world manipulation



CircuitPython Ecosystem

- Adafruit Learn System
- Adafruit Forums
- GitHub
- API documentation
- CircuitPython community



CircuitPython Community

- Adafruit Discord
 - #help-with-circuitpython channel
 - #circuitpython-dev channel

Student Engagement

Ease and difficulty level

Tangible results

Wearability



Skill-Building

Not all students will continue to computer science

- Learning CircuitPython requires building various skills
- Allows for teaching important skills for the future

Resource Links

- Talk content and more: https://github.com/kattni/PyCon2022
- Adafruit Learn System: https://learn.adafruit.com
- Adafruit Forums: https://forums.adafruit.com
- Core Documentation: https://docs.circuitpython.org
- Adafruit GitHub: https://github.com/adafruit
- Adafruit Discord server: https://adafru.it/discord



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