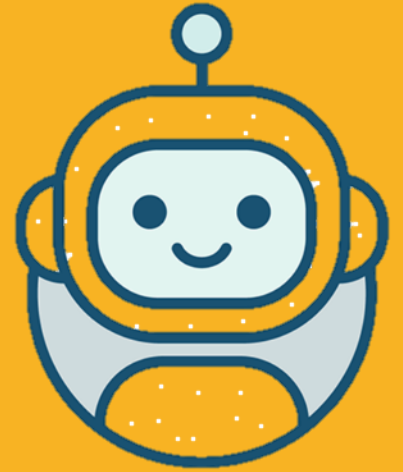
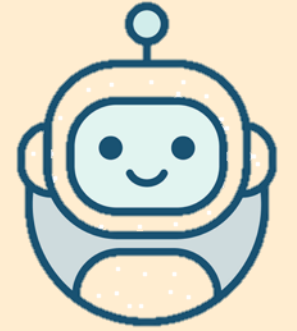


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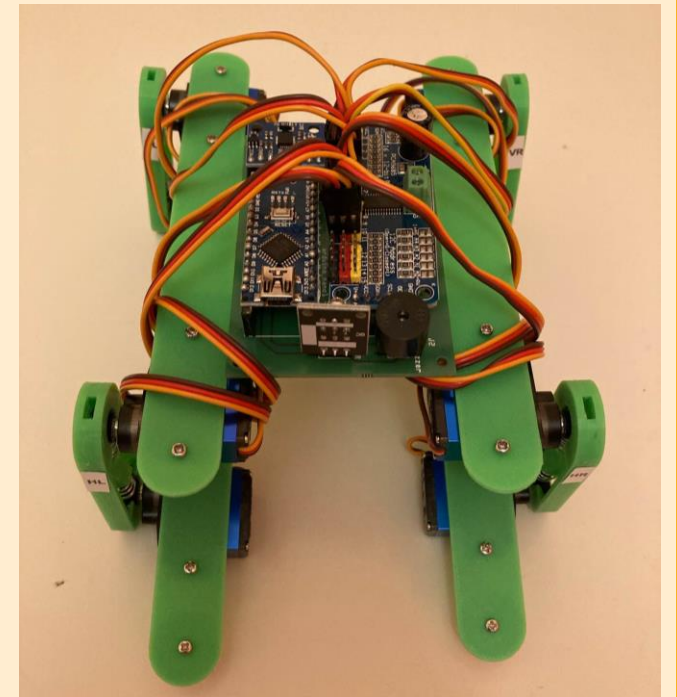


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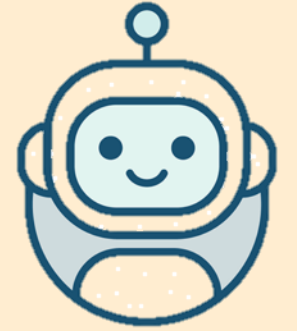


Affordable robotics for makers

- Build your full robot from scratch !
- Workshop at Schools / MakerFabs

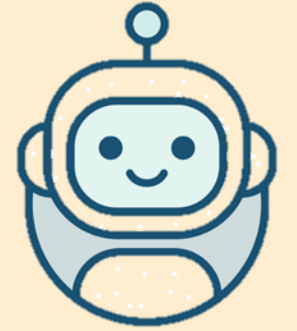


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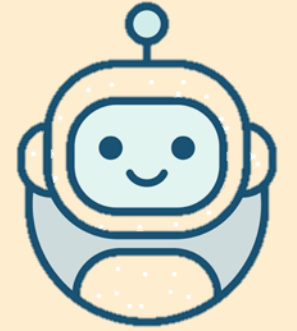
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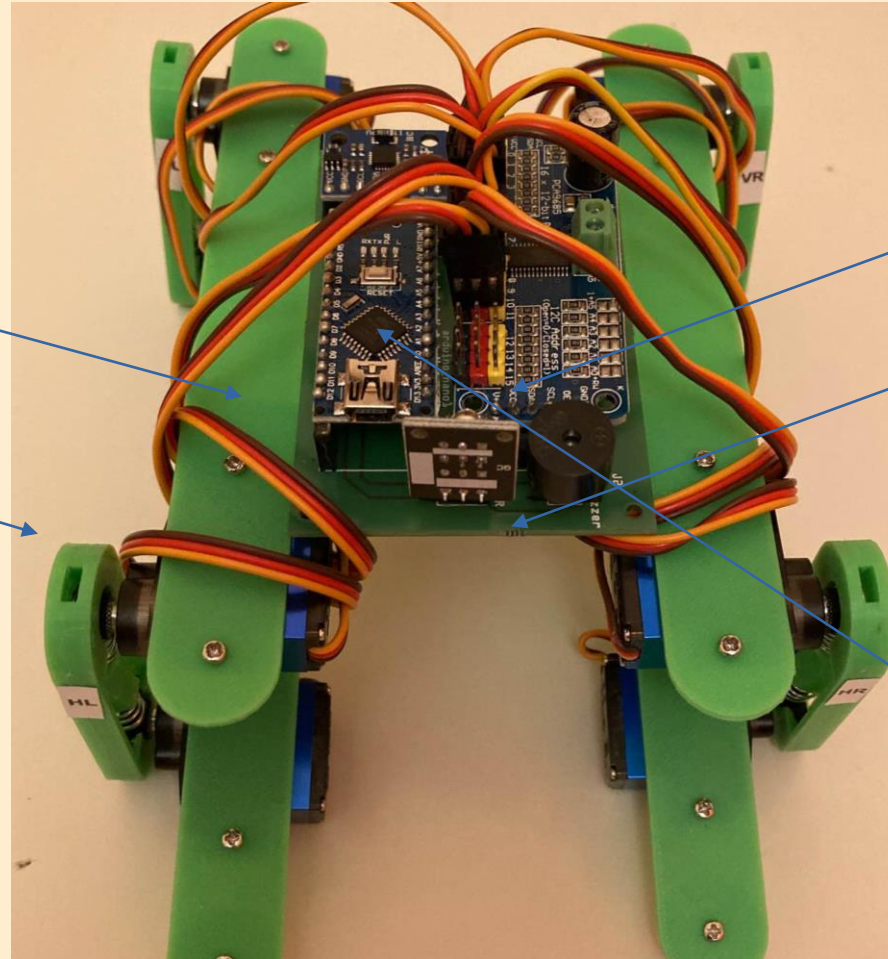
MiniCat Robot modules



1. 3D Printed parts

Body
structure

4
legs



2. Electronics

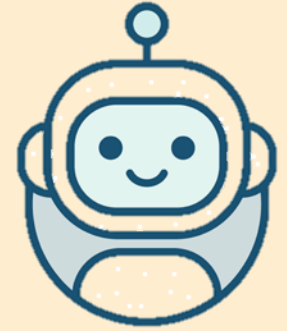
Electronics
Modules
on custom PCB
(green)

3. Software

Running on Arduino
Module

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Maker tools [installation check](#) w/ participants



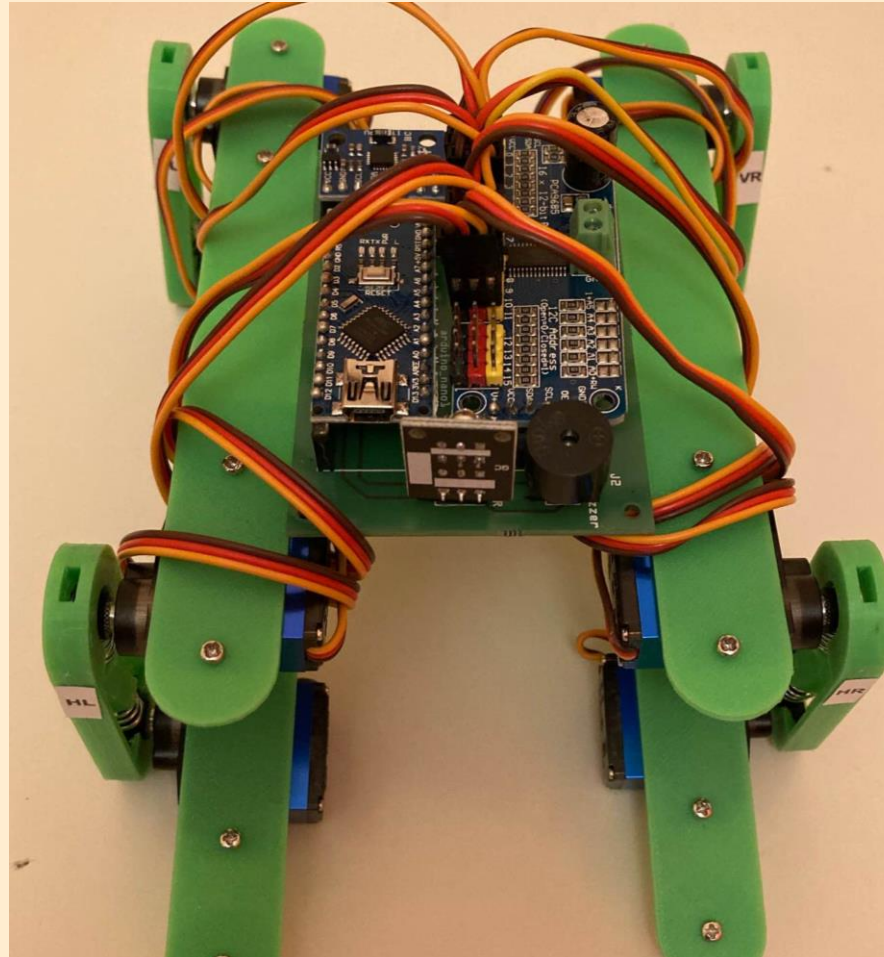
1. Tools for 3D Print

- Modelling

- **Fusion360** tool
- .stp files

- Slicing/Printing

- **Cura** tool
- .STL files



2. Tools for Electronics

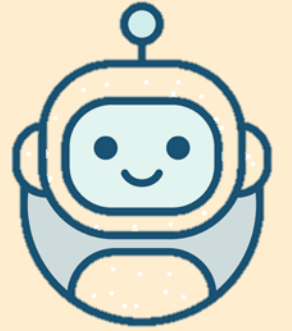
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- **Development Environment**
 - **Arduino IDE** tool

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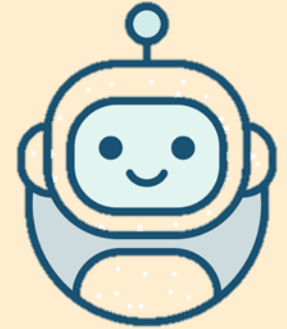
Toolset installation (to do before workshop)



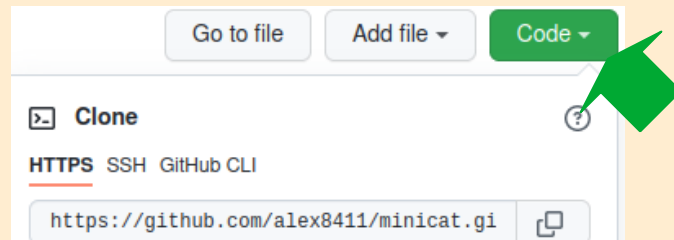
- Open : <https://roboticsformakers.com/index.php/maker-software-tools/>
- Follow the instructions to install all the Maker tools

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Software [download](#)



- Open : <https://github.com/alex8411/minicat>
- Click on “Code” then “Download ZIP”:

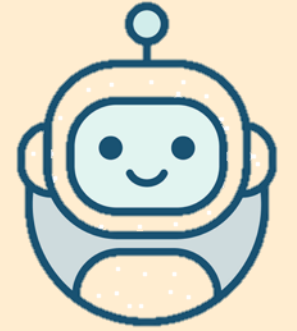


- Store the ZIP in your preferred Folder & extract it to get “minicat-main”

ToDo :

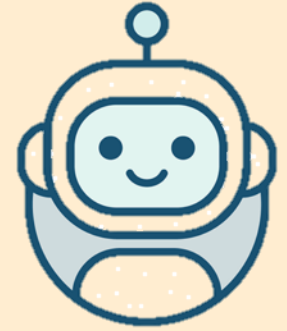
- Explore the folder especially :
 - “3D_printing”
 - 3D parts for modelling & 3D print
 - “Software” for MiniCat Modules
 - **GIT** .ino files
 - Remark: [Libraries](#) to install separately

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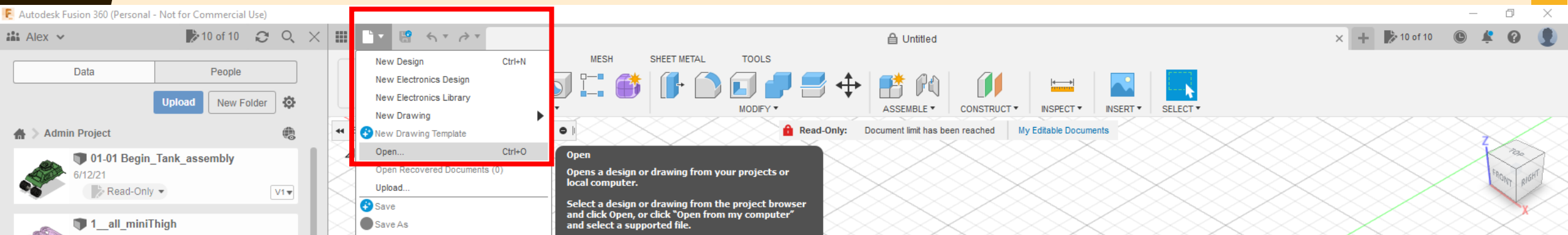
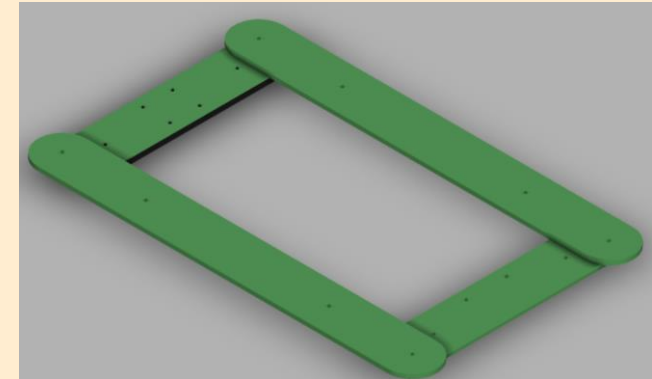
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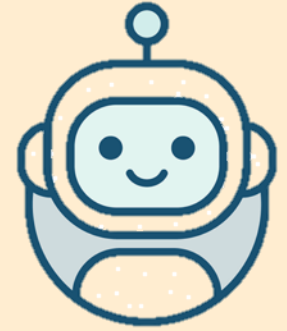


ToDo (.f3d assembly opening)

- Open **Fusion360**
- Click on “**File/Open/Open from my computer**”
- Navigate to “minicat-main/CAD/” & click “**MiniCat_full_assembly_v32.f3d**” (works only on Windows 10)

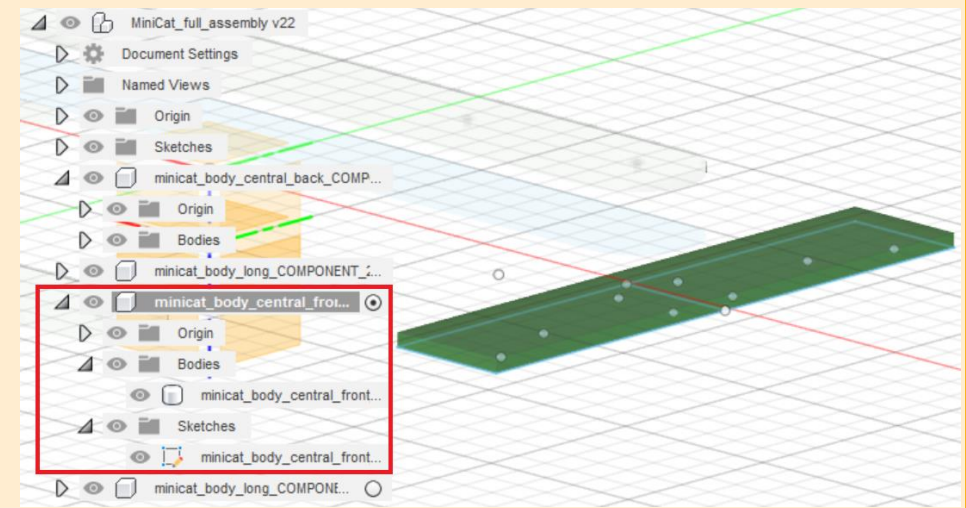


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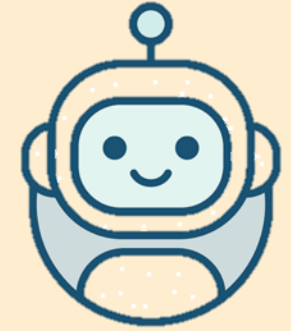


ToDo (Sketch opening & modifying)

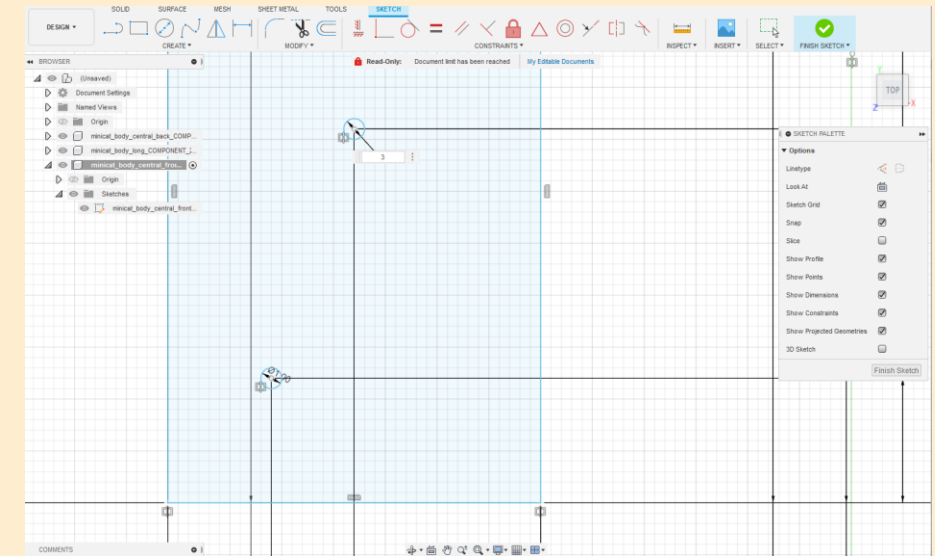
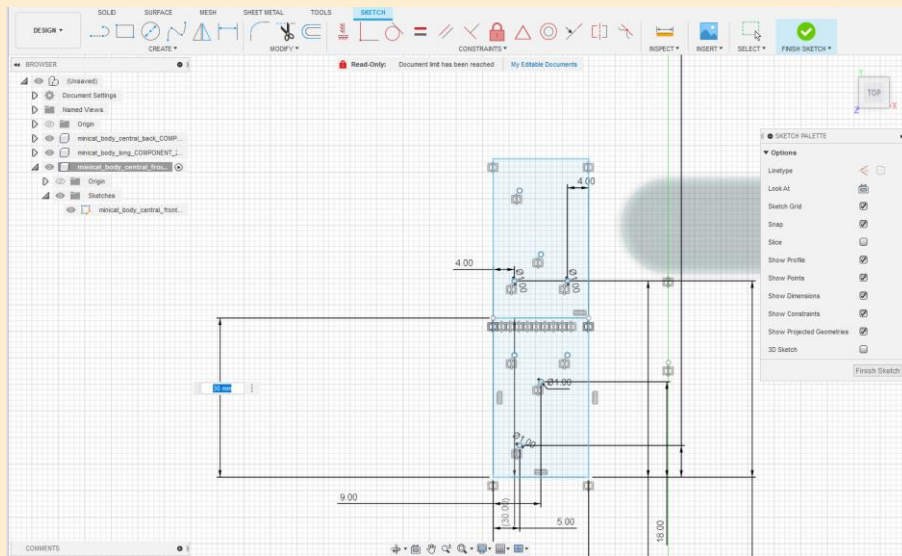
- Navigate to:
 - “minicat_body_central_front_COMPONENT”
 - “Sketches”
 - “minicat_body_central_front_SKETCH”
- Right click on: “minicat_body_central_front_SKETCH”
 - “Edit Sketch”
- Try to modify it



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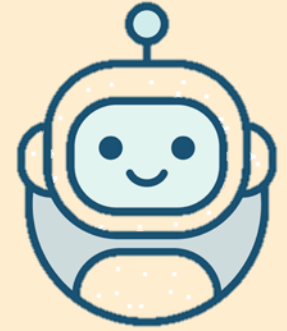


- **ToDo Editing the Sketch front part : rectangle and hole dimensions:**

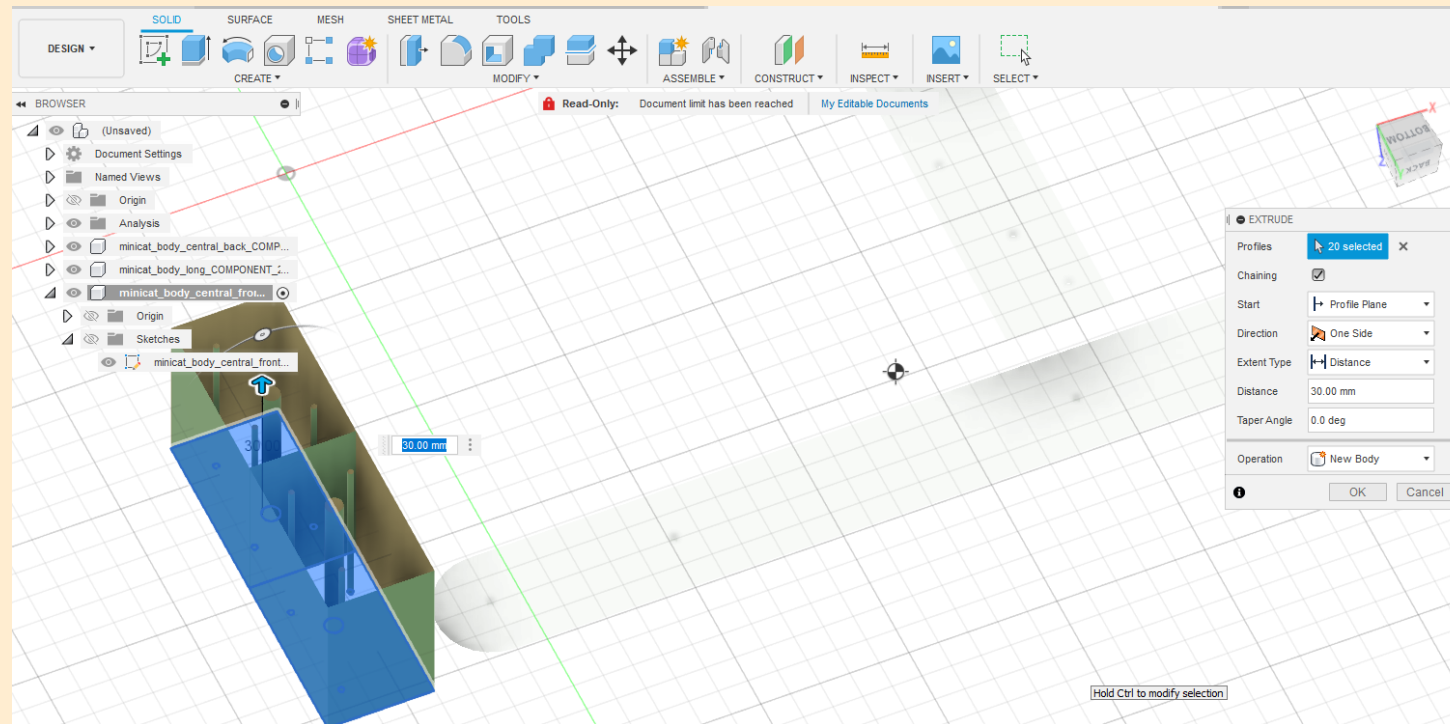


- **click on “Finish Sketch” and observe the changes**

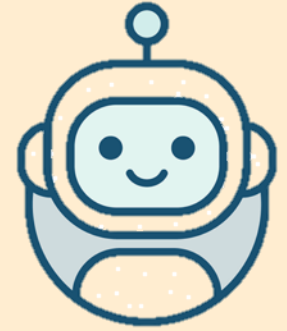
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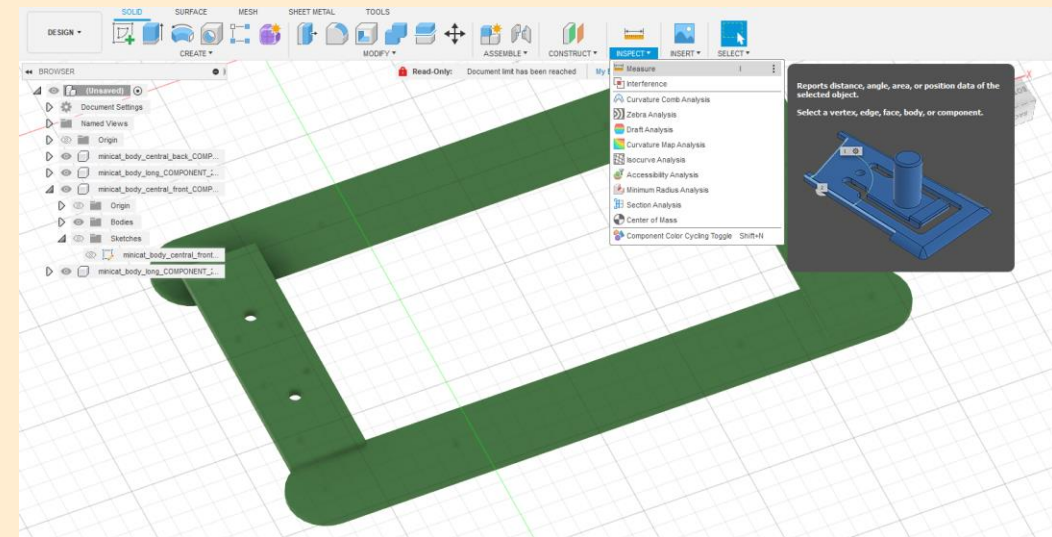
- Changing the Extrusion dimension :



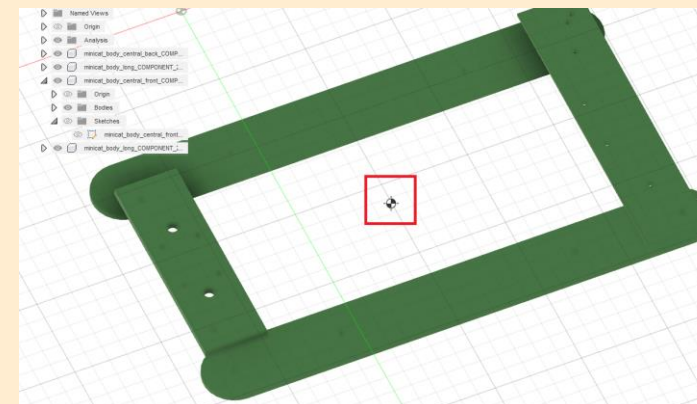
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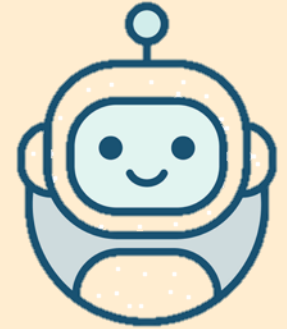
- - measuring with “Inspect” a dimension :



- - and gravity center :

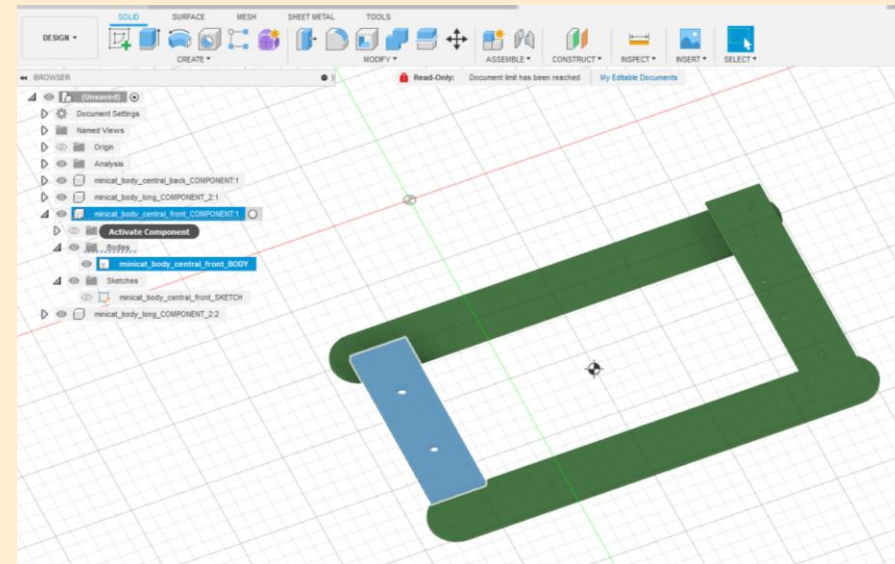


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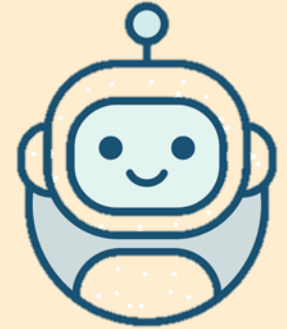


ToDo (.STL file generation)

- Navigate to: “minicat_body_central_front_COMPONENT”
 - “Bodies”
 - “minicat_body_central_front_BODY”
- “Activate” the “minicat_body_central_front_COMPONENT”

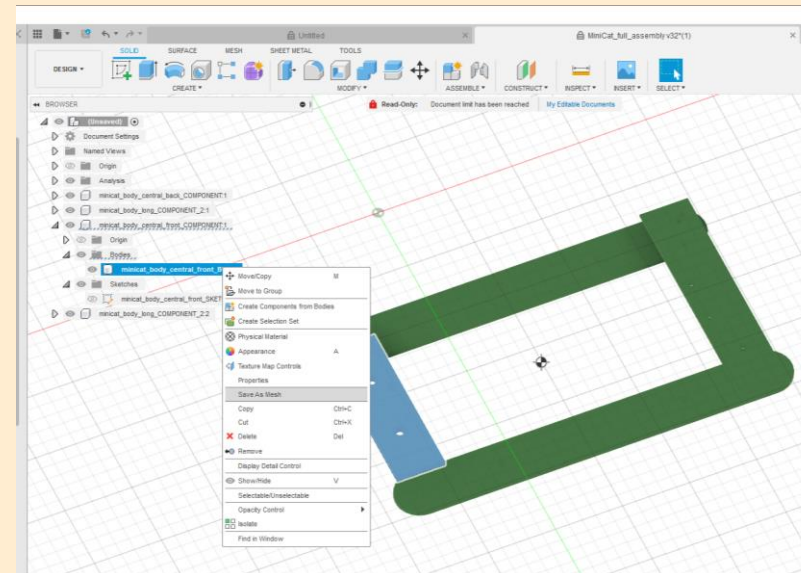


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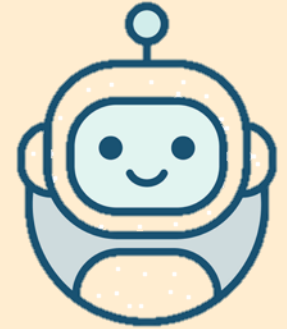


ToDo (.STL file generation)

- Right click on “minicat_body_central_front_BODY”
- “**Save as Mesh**” (=“als Netz speichern”)
/ and select Format “**STL (Binary)**” / “Save”



3D parts models & printing

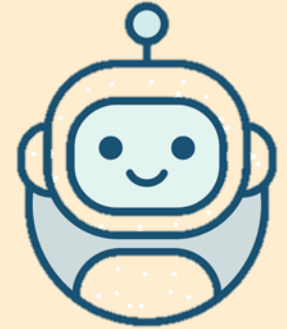


ToDo (.STL file generation)

- Open CURA and Add a Non Networked Printer “**Creality Ender3 Pro**”
- “File/Open file(s)” the .STL file you just generated !
- “**Slice**” it !
- Check the “**Preview**” / click on “Play” button
- “**Save to Disk**” to save it as a 3D Printer Machine code (.gcode)

3D parts models & printing

.STL file, generate your own

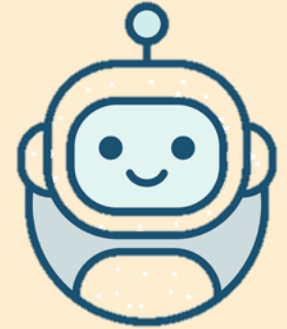


ToDo (Opening Toes .STL, Slicing & Simulation)

- For the Workshop we will not use the previously generated Body STL file but use an existing .STL :
“minicat-main/3D_printing/STL/3__all_miniToe_rubber.stl”
- Background :
Printer is now optimized for TPU (“gummi”) print,
not PLA rigid plastic
- Open CURA
- Open “minicat-main/3D_printing/STL/3__all_miniToe_rubber.stl”
- **“Slice” and write the time**

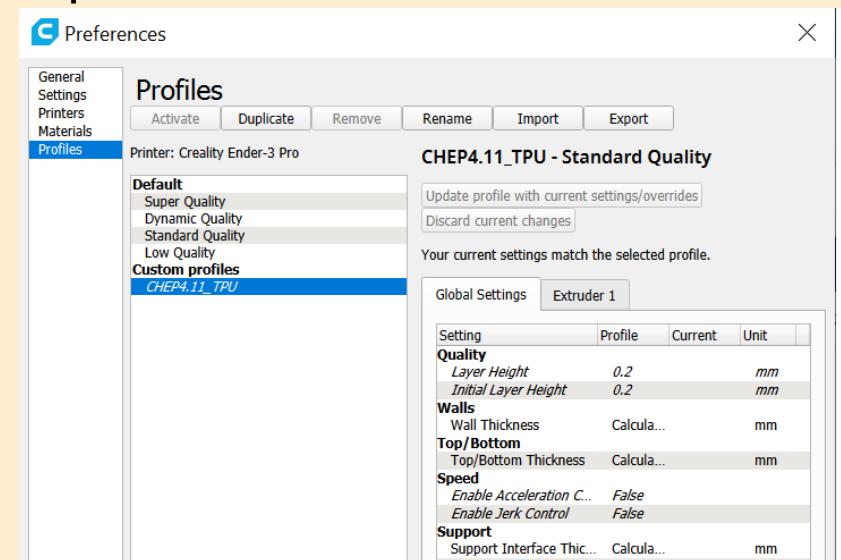
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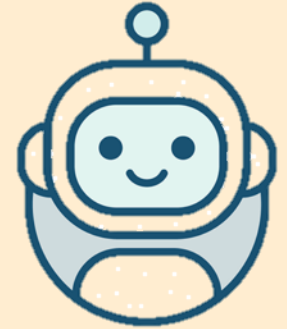


ToDo (3D printer config for TPU)

- Open Cura
- click on “Preferences/Configure Cura/Profiles
- ”Import” the content of “CHEP4.11_TPU” profile from “minicat-main/3D_printing/printing_profiles/ender3pro/tpu”
- ”Activate” the profile (work on on Mac, Windows10)
- Open your previously generated .STL file
- Slice it and check if the simulated printing time is different with the TPU profile vs “Default/Standard Quality” profile
- **“Save to Disk”** (.gcode machine code)



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ToDo (Printing !)

3 ways to print a .gcode file :

1- SD Card:

- save generated .gcode and plugin in printer

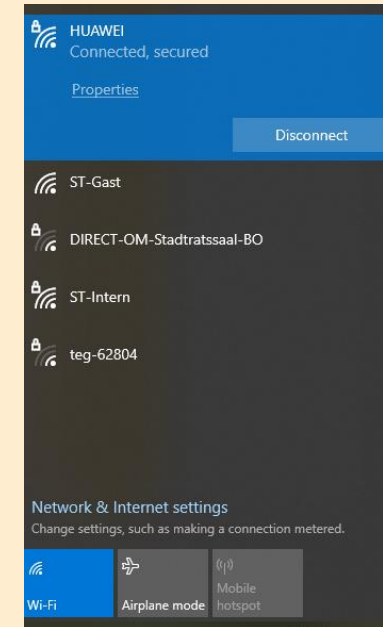
2- Octoprint Server on Raspi:

- WLAN :

connect to **HUAWEI** WLAN / Password: **2Groesser?**

- Server :

- open <http://octopi.local/login> in your browser
- login: **roboticsformakers** / Password: **2Groesser?**



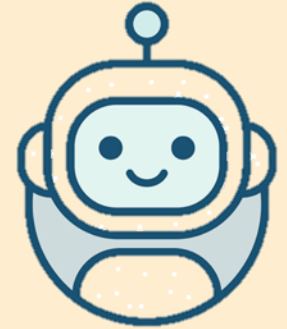
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☒ Login merken[Passwort vergessen?](#)

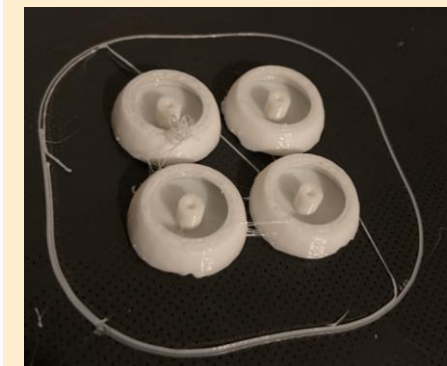
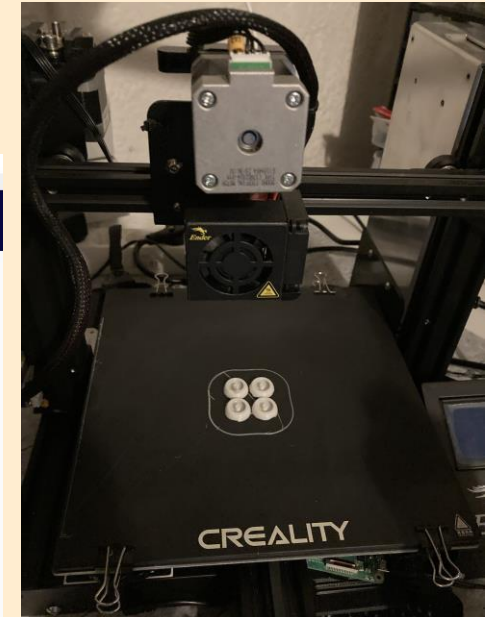
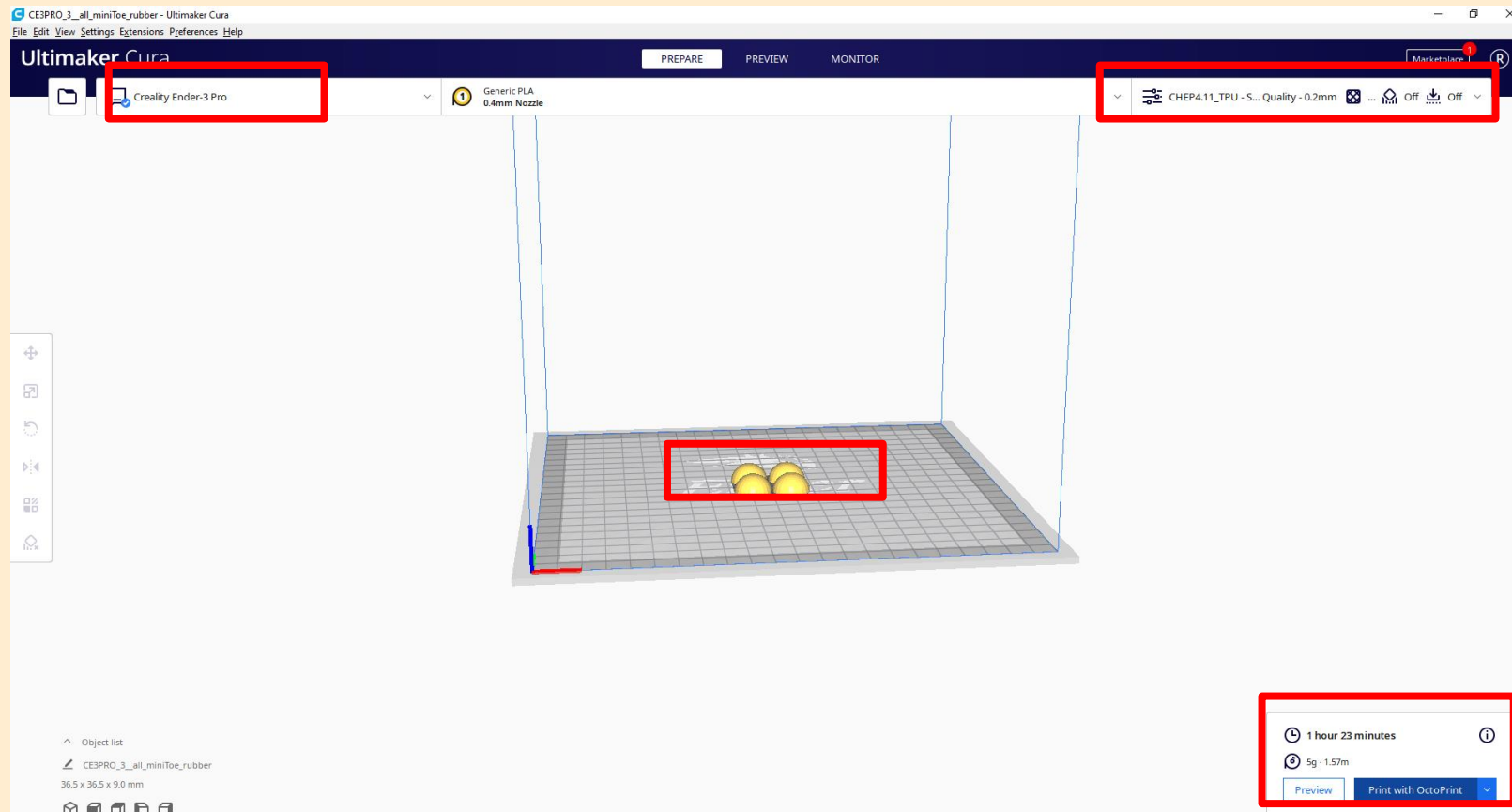
3- Octoprint Plugin for CURA: -> Focus today

- connect to HUAWEI WLAN / Password: 2Groesser?
- open CURA and install Octoprint Plugin
- start the "Preparation" and Print

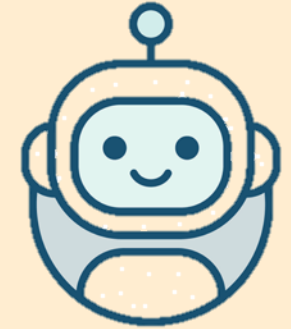
3D printing



I loaded the TPU (flexible filament profile) in CURA and generated the .gcode for you :



3D parts models & printing



- Try to change some params : in “Temperatur” “Soll” for “Tool” and “Bett”
 - click on “Upload”
- choose
“minicat-main\3D_printing\gcode\creality_ender3pro\ CE3PRO_3__all_miniToe_rubber.gcode

The screenshot shows a 3D printing software interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with status information: Status: Bereit, Resendverhältnis: 0 / 6 (0%), Datei: CE3PRO_3__all_miniToe_rubber.gcode, Hochgeladen: 2021-11-03 18:26:10, Nutzer: roboticsformakers, Zeitraffer: -, Filament (Tool 0): 1.60m, Ungefähre Dauer: 1,5 Stunden, Dauer: -, Verbleibend: -, Gedruckt: - / 1.8MB. Below this are buttons for Drucken, Pause, and Abbruch. A search bar and a file list are also visible. The main area shows a temperature graph with a green octopus icon. Below the graph is a table with temperature settings:

	Ist	Soll	Offset
Tool	18.8°C	Aus °C	0 °C
Bett	20.0°C	Aus °C	0 °C

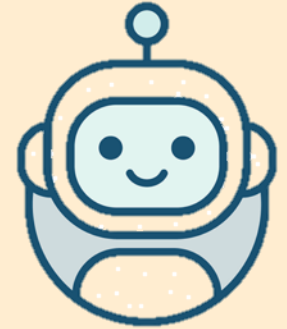
At the bottom left, there are buttons for Upload and Upload (SD).

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- minicat_eyes_STL
- 10_Body_B_Back.stl
- 11_Body_B_Front.stl
- 1_all_miniThigh.stl
- 2_all_miniServoHolder_Batch1.stl
- 2_all_miniServoHolder_Batch2.stl
- 3_all_miniToe_rubber.stl
- 4_Battery_holder_FIN
- 5_miniCircuit.stl

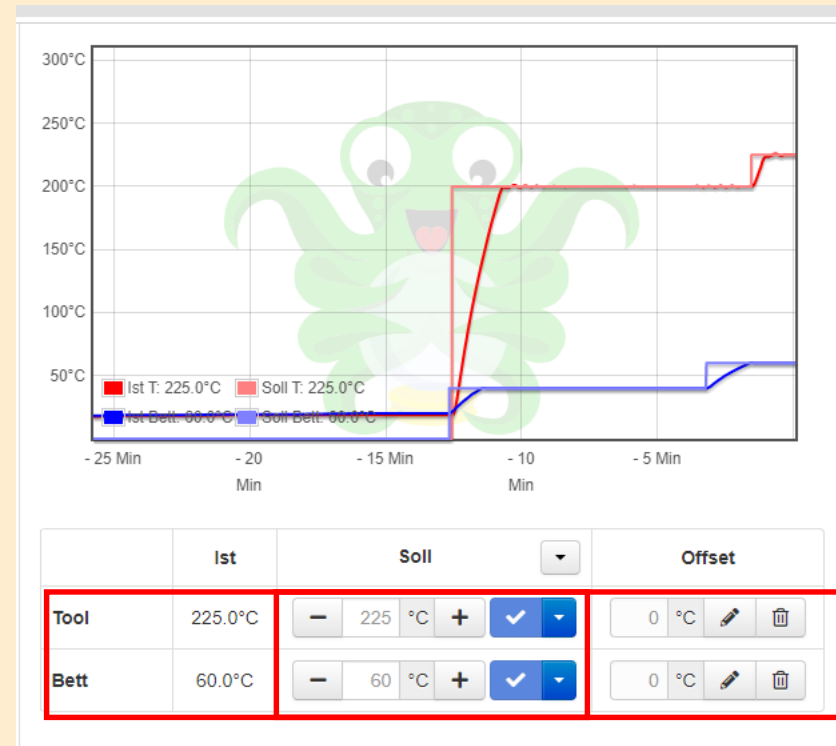
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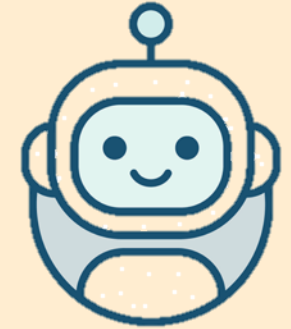


3D print w/ Octoprint :

- Preheat the Tool (Extruder) at 225°C
- Preheat the Bed at 60°C






3D parts models & printing



- **IMPORTANT:** Ask the teacher first !
- **only one participant can start the printing after another !**

Datei:
CE3PRO_3__all_miniToe_rubber.gcode
Hochgeladen: **2021-11-03 18:26:10**
Nutzer: **roboticsformakers**
Zeitraffer: -
Filament (Tool 0): **1.60m**
Ungefähre Dauer: **1,5 Stunden**

Dauer: -
Verbleibend: -
Gedruckt: - / **1.8MB**

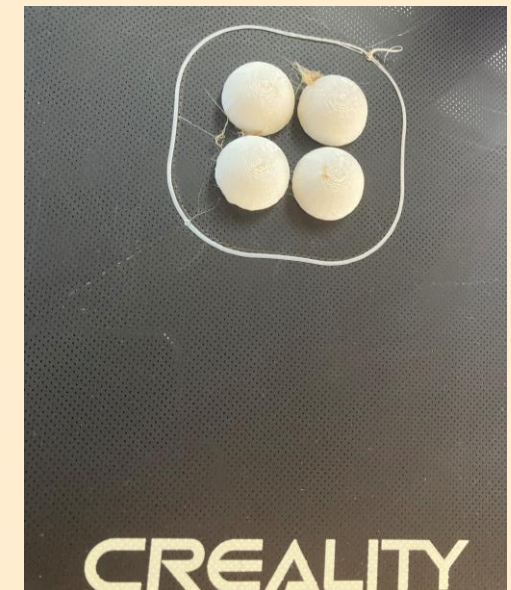
 **Drucken**  Pause  Abbruch

200°C
150°C
100°C
50°C

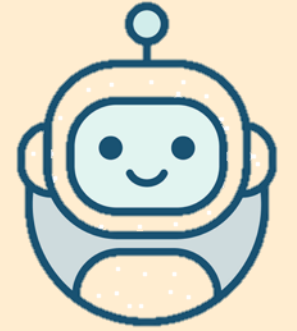
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After the
2 hours
break :



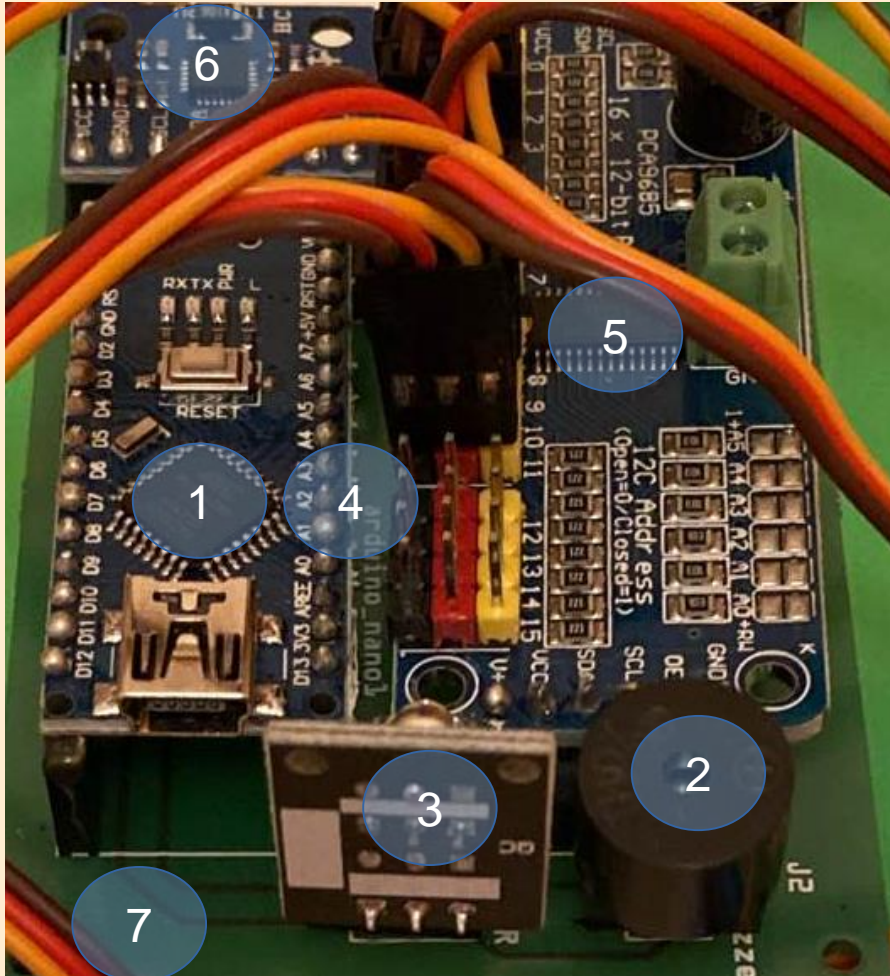
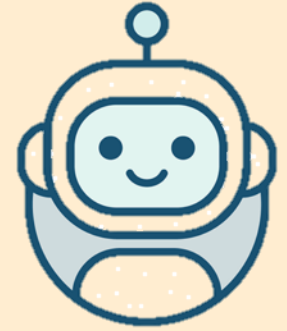
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- “Alive” signal generation

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- Remote control

Module 4: I2C Bus

- comm. Betw. Arduino, Servomotors & Gyro boards

Module 5: Servomotors driver board

- drives the 8x Servomotors

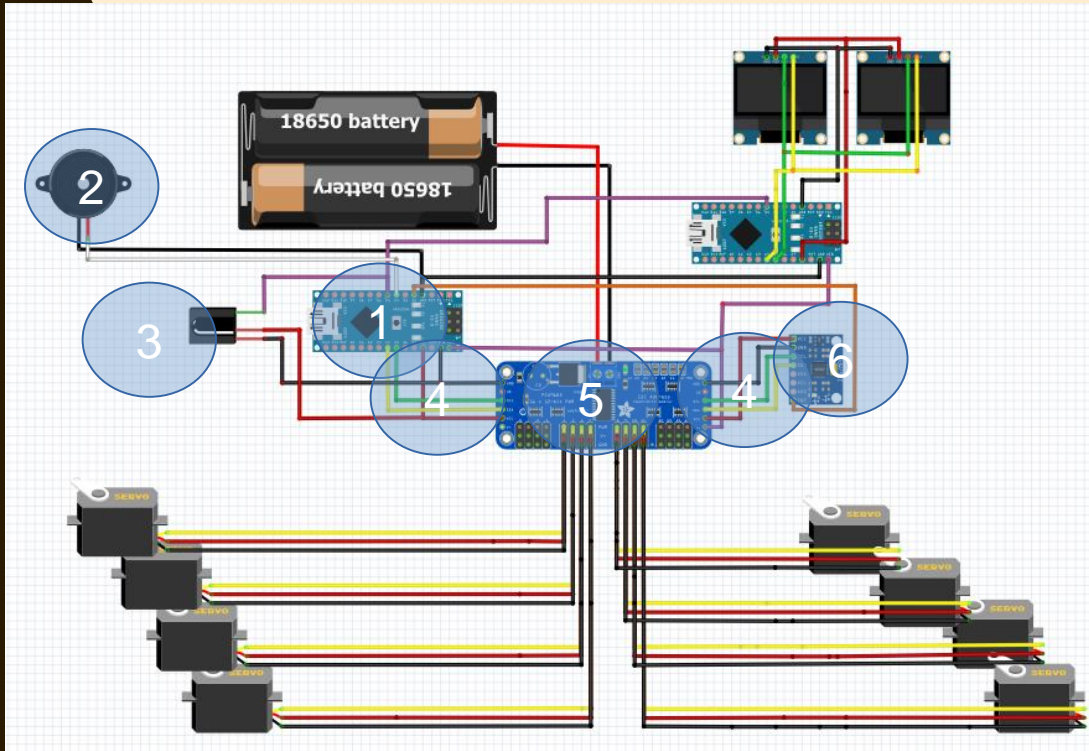
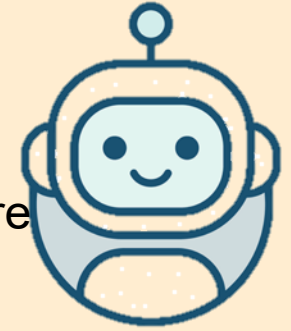
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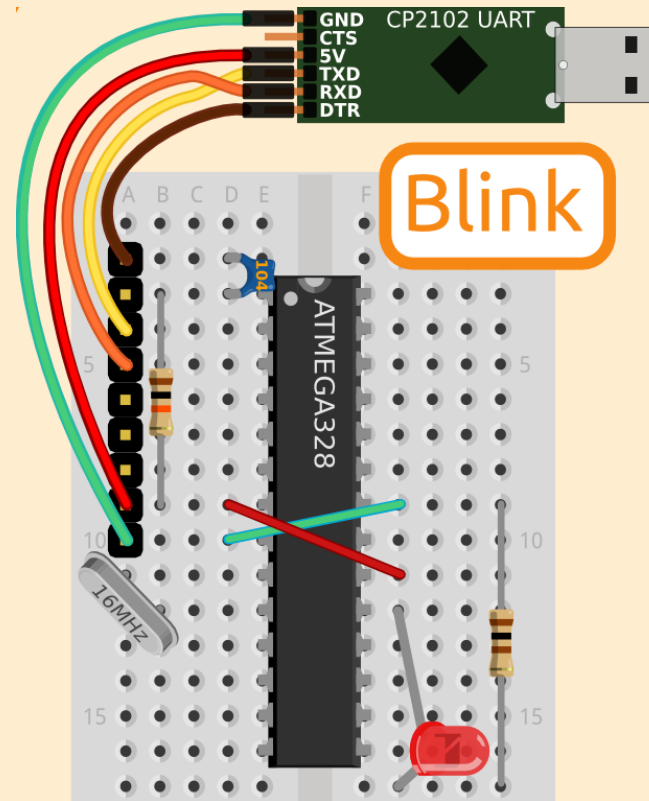
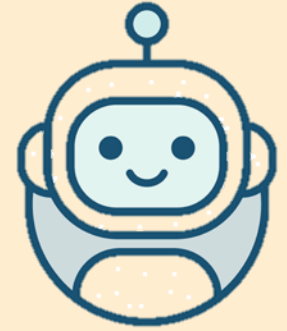
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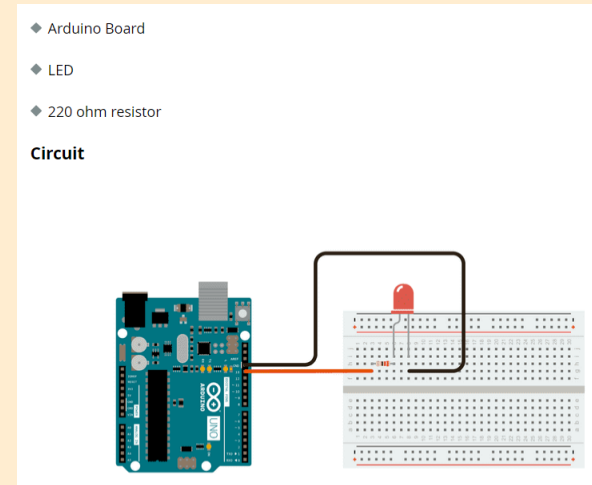
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Module I: Arduino Board, blink Led

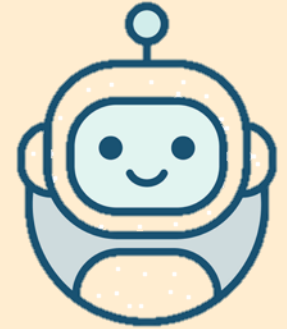


Official Arduino docu: [Link](#)



Hardware Modules & Test

Module 1: Arduino Board



Module 1: Arduino board & blink Led

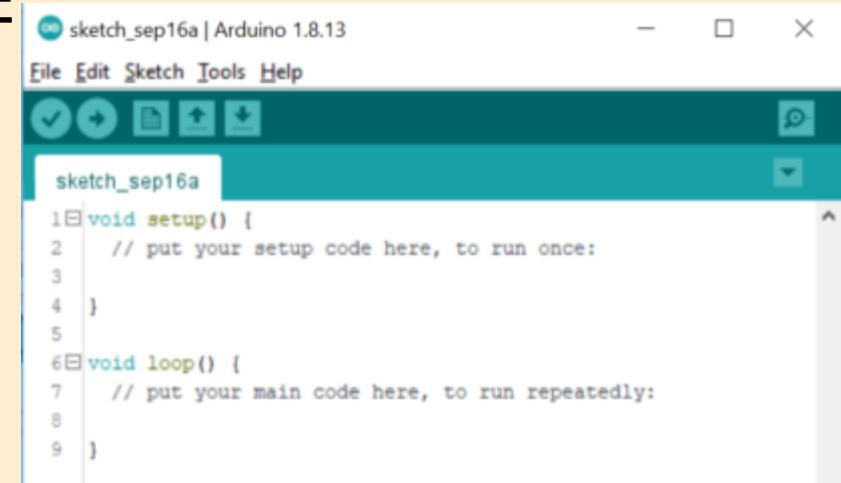
- “Brain” of the robot, runs the Software

ToDo:

- Plugin the provided USB cable to your Laptop
- Start the Arduino IDE

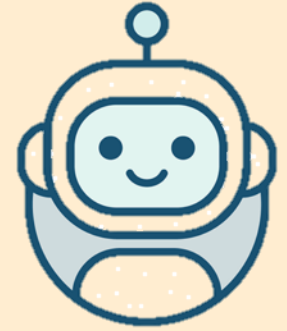


Your Laptop
USB



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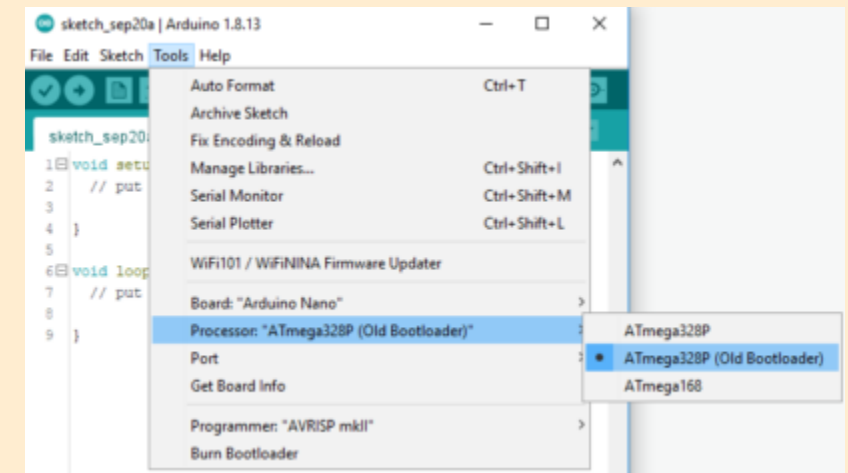
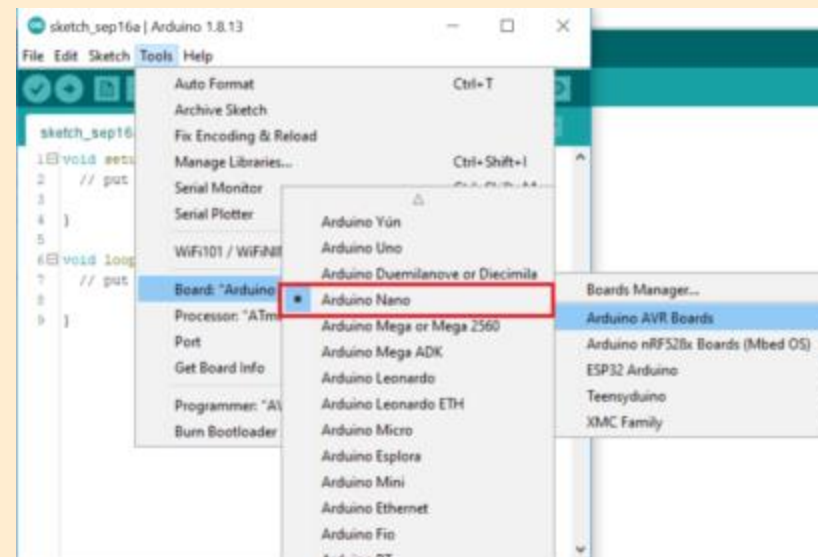
Module 1: Arduino Board



- ToDo:**
- Connect Arduino Nano Board w/ PC over USB
 - In the IDE, choose the Serial Port "**COM***"
 - Choose the Board "**Arduino Nano**"
 - Choose the Bootloader "**Old Bootloader**"

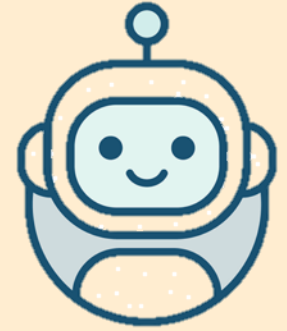


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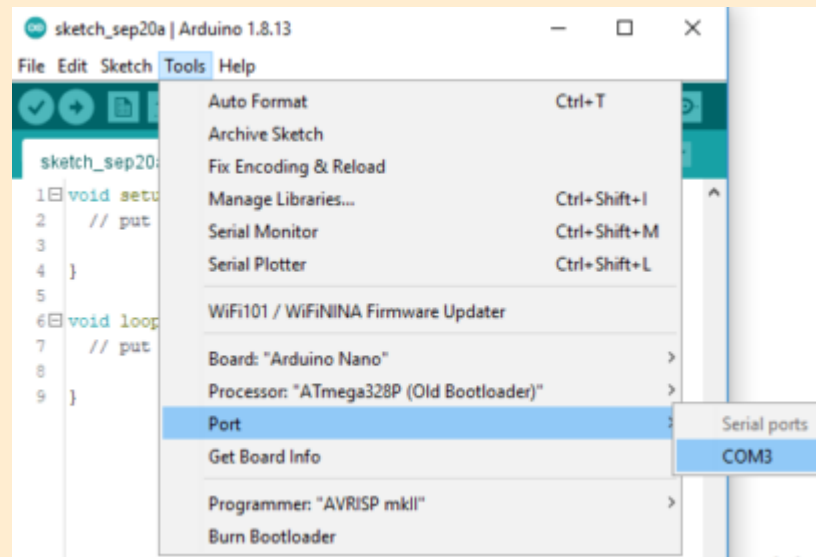


ToDo:

- In the IDE, choose the USB / Serial Port you are using :

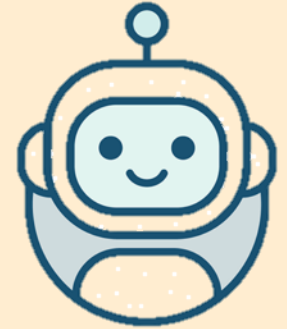


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Module 1: Arduino Board

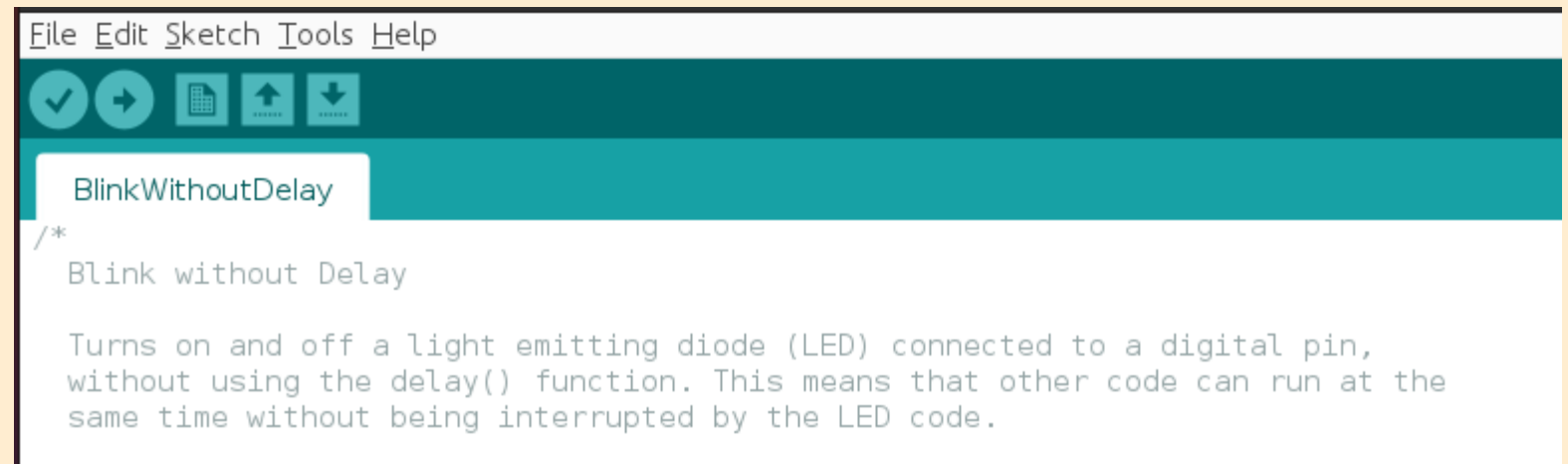


ToDo:

- Click on "File/Examples/Digital/**Blink without delay**"



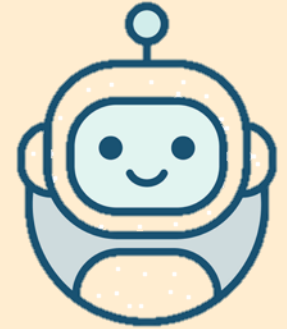
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- For Windows 10, please install **USBtoSerial driver „CH340G** this is part of MiniCat [GIT](#), see Software folder (or [„DirectLink“](#))
- MacOS and Ubuntu 20.04, no problems, no driver needed

Hardware Modules & Test

Module I: Arduino Board & Led



BlinkWithoutDelay.ino

```
// constants won't change. Used here to set a pin number:
const int ledPin = LED_BUILTIN; // the number of the LED pin

// Variables will change:
int ledState = LOW;              // ledState used to set the LED

// Generally, you should use "unsigned long" for variables that hold time
// The value will quickly become too large for an int to store
unsigned long previousMillis = 0; // will store last time LED was updated

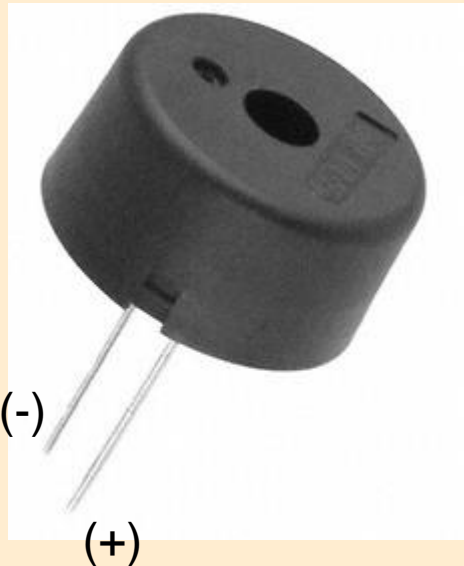
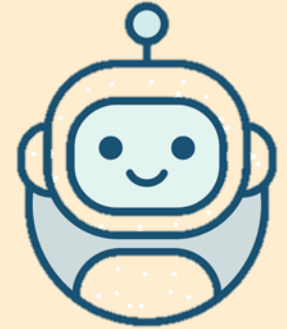
// constants won't change:
const long interval = 5000;      // interval at which to blink (milliseconds)
```

ToDo (Software):

- Change the **blinking interval** to 5000 (default 1000=1s)
- Click on **“Upload”** to start the Software
- **Observe the result on the Arduino board**

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Module 2: Buzzer



Module 2: Buzzer

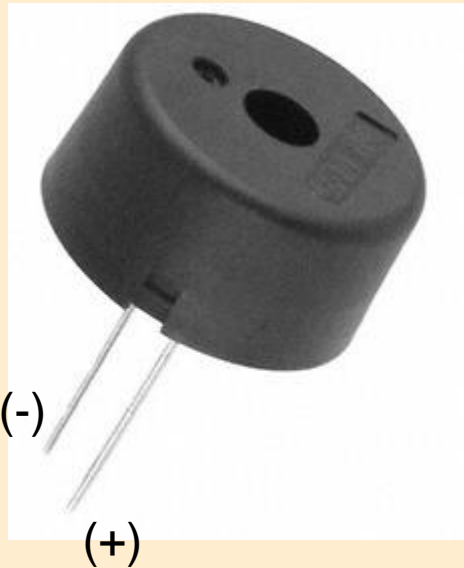
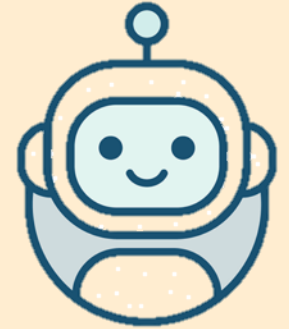
- inside a buzzer case is a **piezo** element (ceramic disc)
- once voltage is supplied, the ceramic disk vibrates
- if square signal (PWM) provided sound varies w/ freq.

ToDo:

- Unplug the USB cable from your Laptop
- Plugin the **Arduino & Servodriver board** on the PCB
- Plugin the USB cable to your Laptop
- **open the buzzer test software** : double click on “minicat-main/Software/buzzer_test/minicat_buzzer_test.ino”

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Module 2: Buzzer, **modify the code adding:**



```
int counter = 0;
```

```
void loop() {
```

```
    while (counter < 5)
```

```
    {
```

```
        byte melody[] = {8, 13, 10, 13, 8, 0, 5, 8, 3, 5, 8, // definition of the tones list  
                           as a "melody"
```

```
                        8, 8, 32, 32, 8, 32, 32, 32, 32, 32, 8
```

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                        //8,8,16,16,8,16,16,16,16,16,8
```

```
        };
```

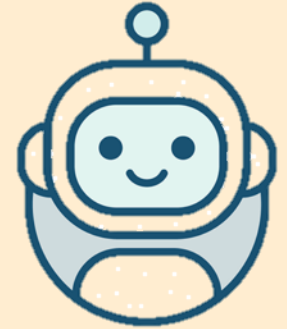
```
        playMelody(melody, sizeof(melody) / 2); // we play the melody
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

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Module 2: Buzzer



minicat_buzzer_test.ino

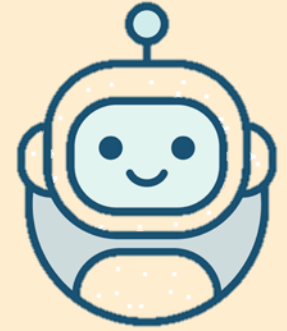
```
void loop() {  
  
    byte melody[] = {8, 13, 10, 13, 8, 0, 5, 8, 3, 5, 8, // definition of the tones list as a "melody"  
                     8, 8, 32, 32, 8, 32, 32, 32, 32, 32, 8  
                     };  
}
```

ToDo (Software):

- Change the melody by changing the values / deleting some
- Click on “**Upload**” to start the Software
- **Observe the result on the Arduino board**

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Module 3: Infrared receiver & remote

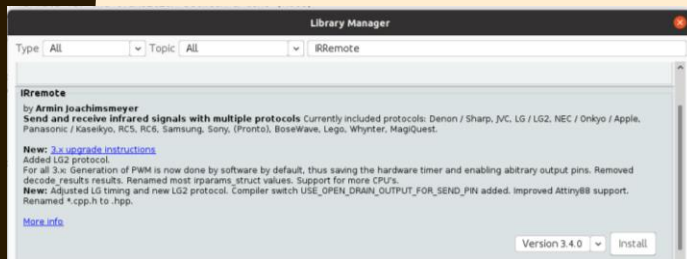


Module 3: Infrared receiver & remote

- Remote Control

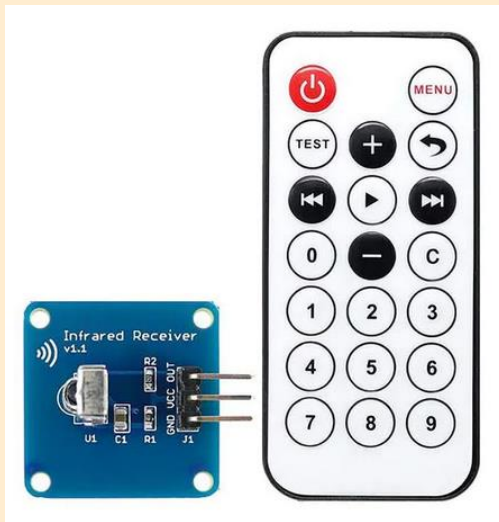
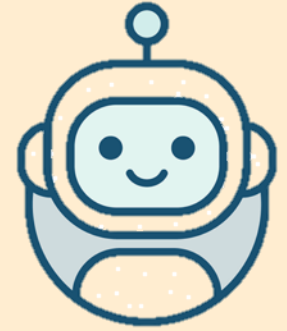
ToDo:

- Unplug the USB cable from your Laptop
- Plugin the Infrared receiver on the PCB
- Plugin the USB cable to your Laptop
- Check if the led is ON when you push the remote
- the **Software Library** “[IRRemote](#)” should be installed (Tools/Manage Libraries “IRremote”)
- **open the IRRemote test software** : double click on “minicat-main/Software/ minicat_IRremote_test /minicat_IRremote_test.ino”



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Module 3: Infrared receiver & remote



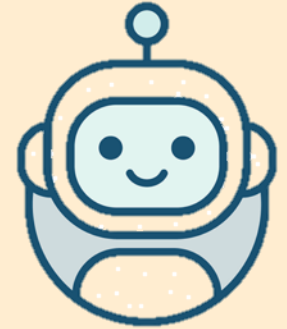
ToDo:

- Open the Arduino **Serial Monitor** (Arduino IDE “Tools/Serial Monitor”)
- in serial monitor, set the communication speed to **57600 baud**
- **Push on the buttons** on the Remote control and verify that they are correct in the Serial Monitor



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Module 3: Infrared receiver & remote



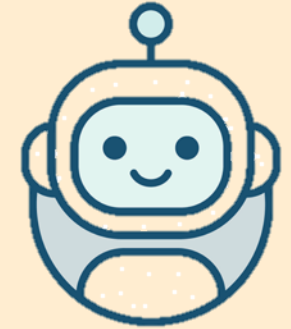
ToDo (Software):

- change a button description :
- push this button on remote
- verify that it is displayed in the serial monitor

```
minicat_IRremote_test $  
  
}  
  
void translateIR() { //fonction pour associer une action à chaque bouton  
  
  switch(result.value){ //switch permet de lister tous les cas possibles et  
    //de leur associer une action  
  
    //on va donc lister tous les codes et retourner leur nom sur la télécommande  
  
    //AV: FOR MINICAT1, "Carm3" RemoteControl  
    //AV: almost all original MiniCat RemoteControl codes are working except for the "Carm  
  
    //AV: original MiniCat SW :  
    case 0xFF18E7: Serial.println(" 2 (grey1) or 2 (grey2) or UP (black)"); break;  
    //case 0x3D9AE3F7: Serial.println(" HAUT"); break;  
  
    case 0xFF10EF: Serial.println(" 4 (grey1) or 4 (grey2) or LEFT (black) or Mode (grey2)  
    //case 0x8C22657B: Serial.println(" GAUCHE"); break;  
  
    case 0xFF38C7: Serial.println(" 5 (grey1) or 5 (grey2) or OK (black)"); break;  
    //case 0x488F3CBB: Serial.println(" -OK-"); break;  
  
    case 0xFF5AA5: Serial.println(" 6 (grey1) or 6 (grey2) or RIGHT (black)"); break;  
    //case 0x449E79F: Serial.println(" DROITE"); break;  
  
    case 0xFF4AB5: Serial.println(" 8 (grey1) or 8 (grey2) or DOWN (black)"); break;  
    //case 0x1BC0157B: Serial.println(" BAS"); break;  
  
    case 0xFFA25D: Serial.println(" CH- (grey1) or ON (grey2) or 1 (black)"); break;  
    //case 0xE318261B: Serial.println(" 1"); break;  
  
    case 0xFF629D: Serial.println(" CH (grey1) or Mode (grey2) or 2 (black)"); break;  
    //case 0x511DBB: Serial.println(" 2"); break;  
  
    case 0xFFE21D: Serial.println(" CH+ (grey1) or LoudspeakerOFF (grey2) or 3 (black)");  
    //case 0xEE886D7F: Serial.println(" 3"); break;
```

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Module 4: I2C Bus connections

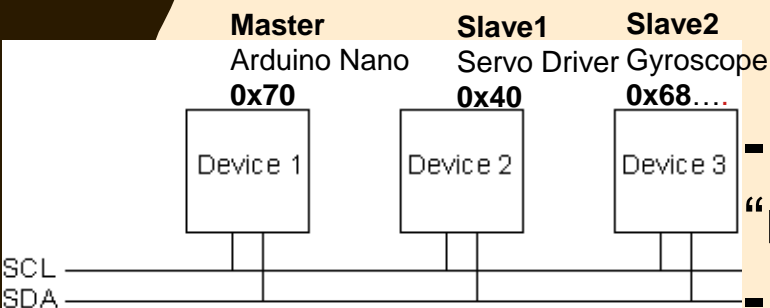
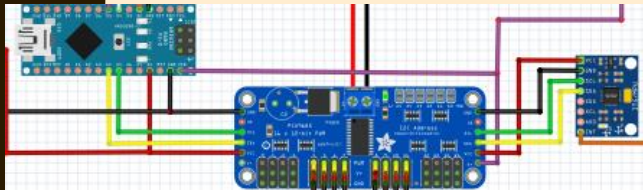


Module 4: I2C Bus connections / devices check

- comm. between Arduino & Servomotors & Gyro boards

ToDo:

- Unplug the USB cable from your Laptop
- Plugin the Gyro and Servodrivers boards on PCB
- Plugin the USB cable to your Laptop
- Put the 2 batteries in place and turn ON on holder (MPU6050 need enough power from Servodrivers board)
- I2C library ("Wire") is installed by default (Arduino IDE)



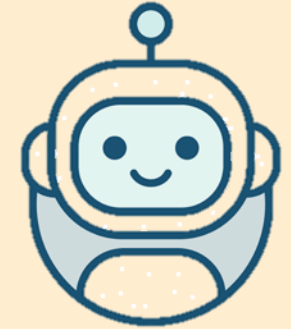
- **open the i2c communication test software:**

"minicat-main/Software/minicat_i2c_test/minicat_i2c_test.ino"

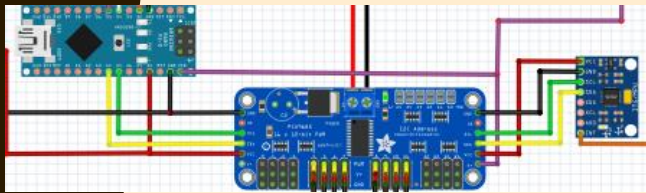
- **3x I2C devices should appear (serial monitor)**

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Module 4: I2C Bus connections



ToDo:

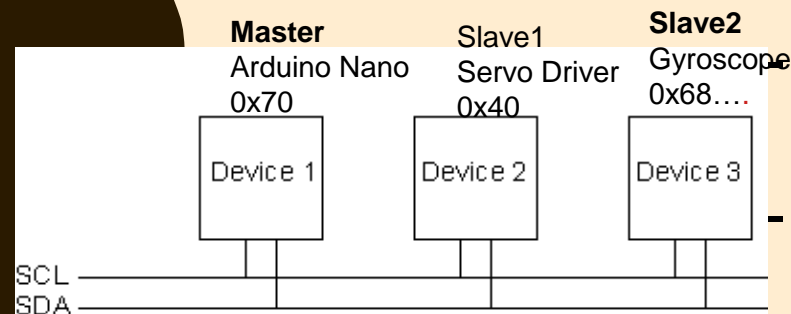


- Open the Arduino **Serial Monitor** (Arduino IDE “Tools/Serial Monitor”)

Set the communication speed to **57600 baud**

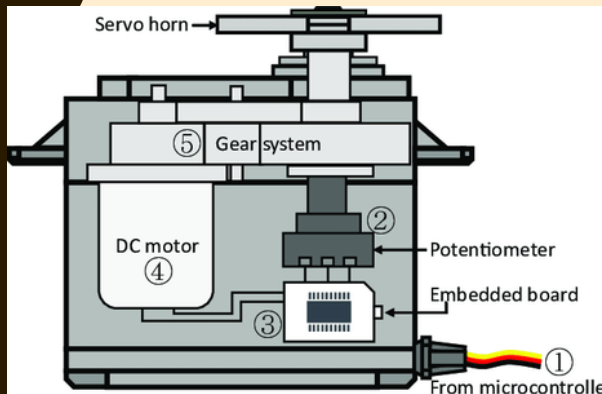
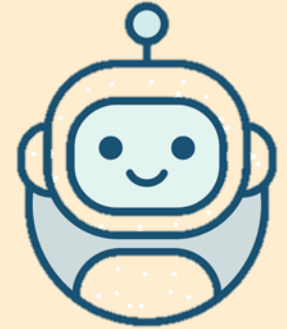
- **Verify that the 3 I2C Devices are present:**

- I2C device found at address 0x40 ! (Servos Driver)
- I2C device found at address 0x68 ! (Gyro)
- I2C device found at address 0x70 ! (Arduino Nano)



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Module 5: Servomotors driver board

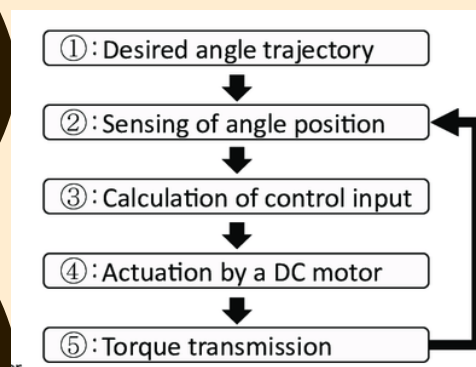


Module 5: Servomotors driver board

- drives the 8 servos, here we **test w/ 1 servomotor**
- based on Arduino inputs on I2C
- and Servodriver board 8 x PWM control signals outputs
- **we use first 5V supply from Arduino (no batteries)**

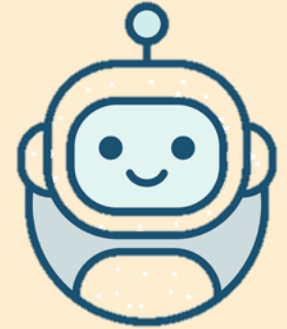
ToDo:

- Unplug the USB cable from your Laptop
- The 8x Servomotors cables are already plugged



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Module 5: Servomotors driver board



ToDo:

- Plugin the USB cable to your Laptop
- Start the Arduino IDE

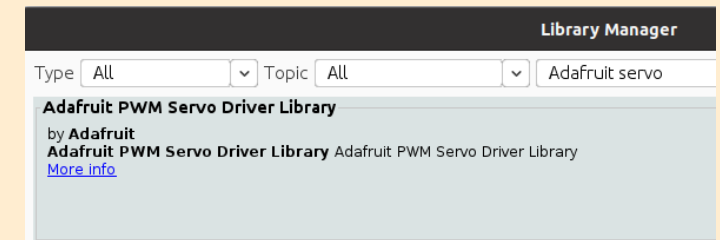
- the Software Library

“[Adafruit PWM servo driver library](#)”

should be installed

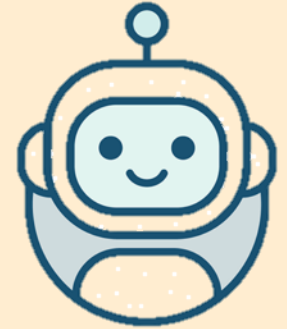
(Tools/Manage Libraries “Adafruit PWM Servo Driver Library”)

- **open the minicat_one_servo_test software** : double click on “minicat-main/Software/minicat_one_servo_test/minicat_one_servo_test.ino”



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Module 5: Servomotors driver board



ToDo (Software):

change servo n.
and delay :

```
minicat_one_servo_test $
//pwm.setPWM(SERVO, 0, SERVOMIN+range/2); //l'impulsion est large de SERVOMIN + range
//=>position milieu du servomoteur

//delay(2000);

//AV: Commenting out below lines and changing the rotation angle to avoid too much r

//Contrôle du servomoteur par angle (voir fonction setToAngle)
//Serial.println("position 45 degrés ");
//setToAngle(45);

//Serial.println("position 20 degrés");
//setToAngle(20);

//AV : ToDo : MODIFY here to test the Servo Angle position,

/*#####*/

//AV: ToDo : MODIFY THE 1st POSITION OF THE SERVO :

Serial.println("position 10 degrés");
setToAngle(10);

//AV: ToDo : MODIFY THE DELAY (in Miliseconds) BETWEEN 2 POSITIONS AS YOU WANT :

delay(1000);

//AV: ToDo : MODIFY THE 2d POSITION OF THE SERVO :

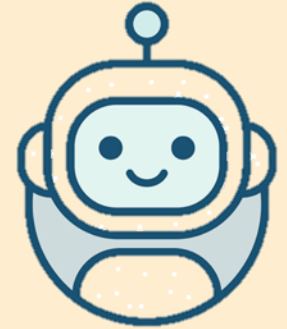
Serial.println("position 30 degrés");
setToAngle(30);

/*#####*/

}
```

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Module 5: Servomotors driver board



ToDo (Software):

Change the servo number to test all servos one by one :

```
minicat_one_servo_test 5

//on inclut les librairies nécessaires

#include <Wire.h>
#include <Adafruit_PWMServoDriver.h> //librairie spécifique à notre servo driver

Adafruit_PWMServoDriver pwm = Adafruit_PWMServoDriver(); //déclaration du driver pwm
|

/*#####*/

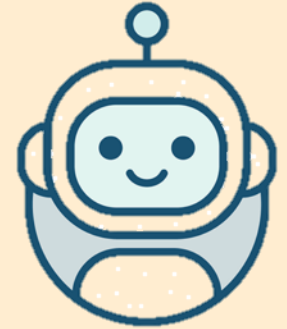
//AV: ToDo : Modify the Servo number

#define SERVO 4 //pin où est branché le servomoteur // AV : ToDo: Modify here to test all the Servos (4 to 11)

/*#####*/
```

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Module 5bis: Servomotors driver board



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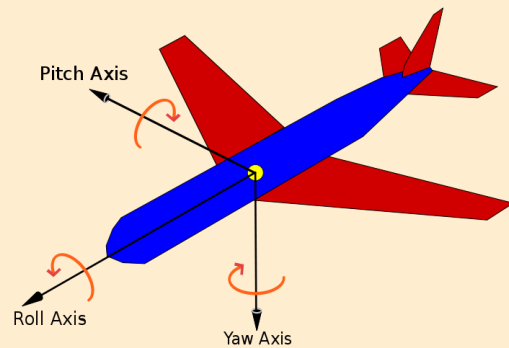
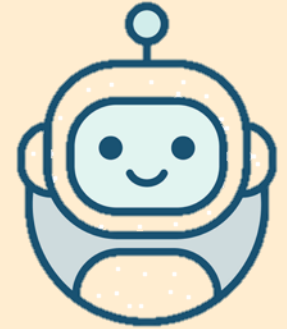
- we use now the 2x4,2V Lithium batteries supply
(your teacher will install them, please ask him)

ToDo:

- Unplug the USB cable from your Laptop
- Ask your teacher to install the 2 x Batteries in the robot
- Put the batteries holder button to “ON” under the robot
- Check if the Servomotor is moving (Front Right Top)

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Module 6: Gyroscope board



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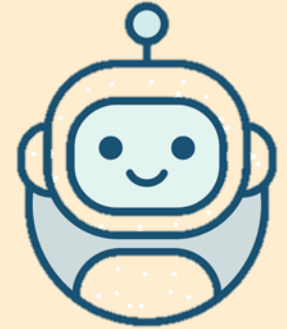
- measuring roll/pitch/yaw
- compared with calibrated “zero”
- compensate the legs height / balance

ToDo:

- Unplug the USB cable from your Laptop
- Plug the Gyro module in the PCB
- Plugin the USB cable to your Laptop
- Start the Arduino IDE'
- Get the Arduino Libraries “[I2Cdev and MPU6050](#)”
- Start the 1x Gyro test software “minicat_i2c_test.ino”

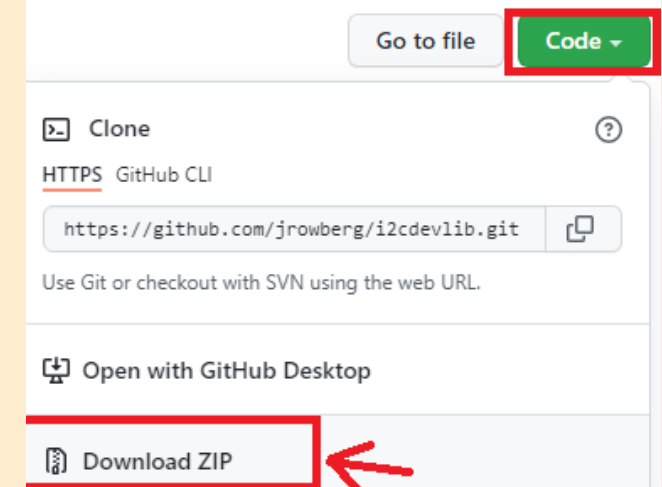
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Module 6: Gyroscope board



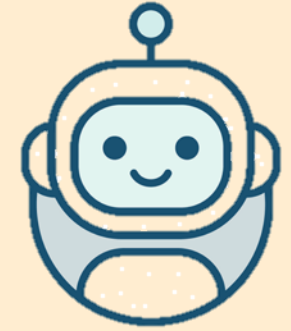
The Gyroscope module need the Libraries “**I2Cdev**” and “**MPU6050**” for I2C communication to Gyroscope MPU6050 sensor :

- Open : <https://github.com/jrowberg/i2cdevlib>
- Click on “Code” and then “**Download ZIP**”
- the Downloaded .zip is normally stored into your “C:\Users*UserName*\Downloads” folder
- **Unzip** the “i2cdevlib-master.zip” in your “C:\Users*UserName*\Downloads” folder to get a “i2cdevlib-master” folder



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Module 6: Gyroscope board

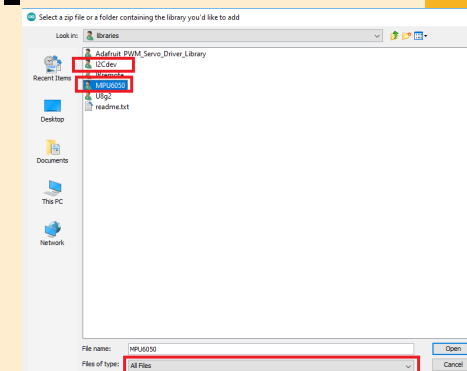
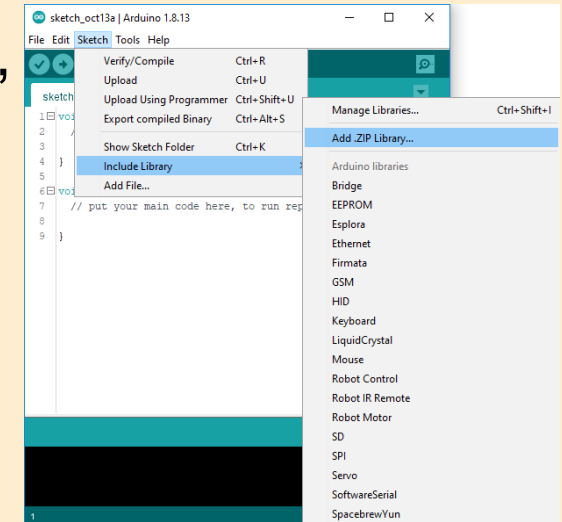


1- Now to add the 2 libs we need,
Click on “**Sketch/Include Library/Add .ZIP Library**”

2- Change the “Files of type” to “**All Files**”
(as we already unzipped) :

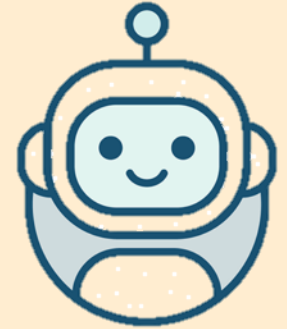
3- Navigate to

“C:\Users*UserName*\Documents\Arduino\libraries\i2cdevlib-master\i2cdevlib-master\Arduino\

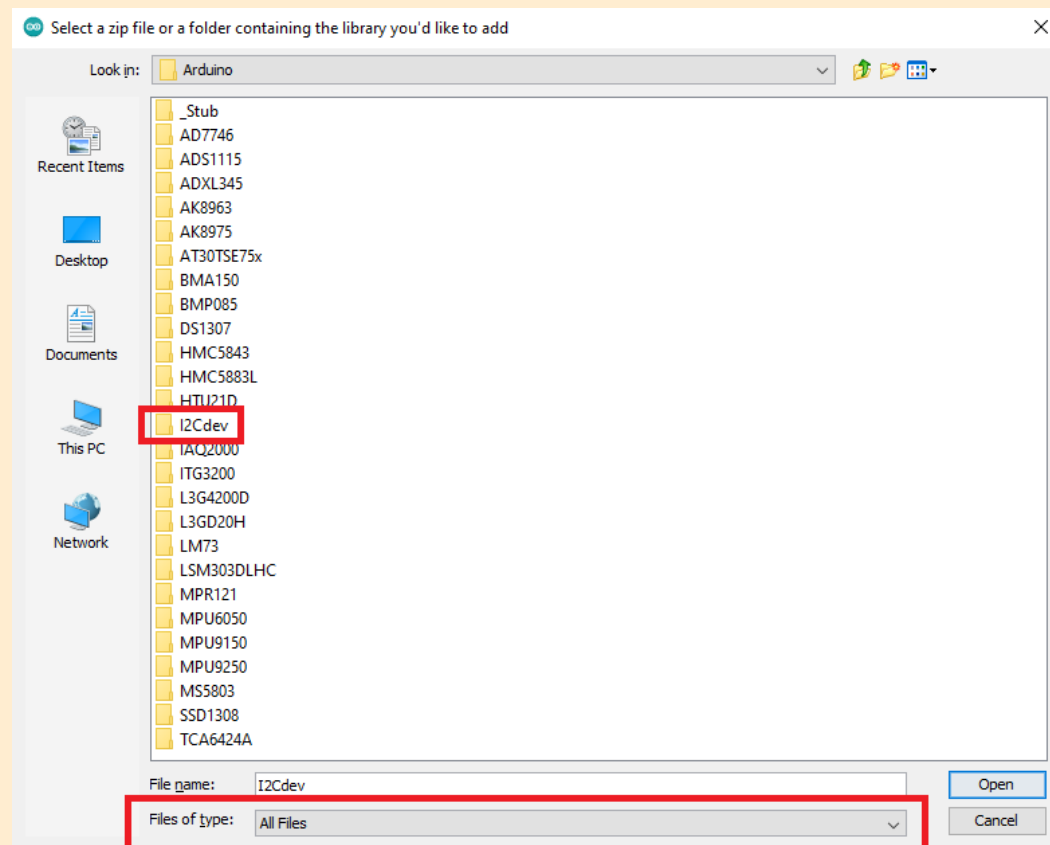


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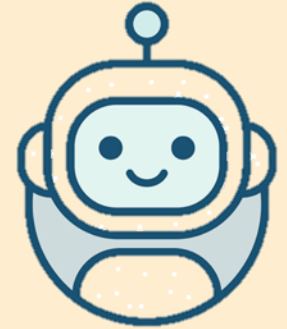


4- Then Single Click on the “**I2Cdev**” Folder and then “**Open**” :

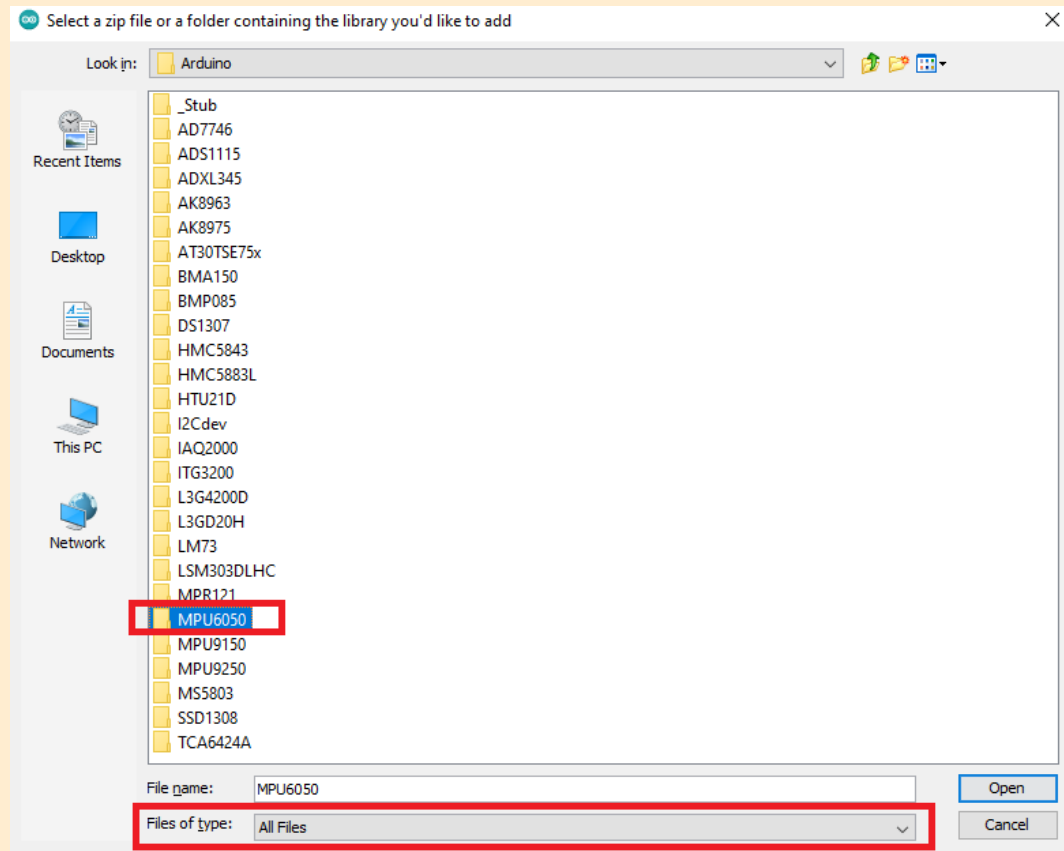


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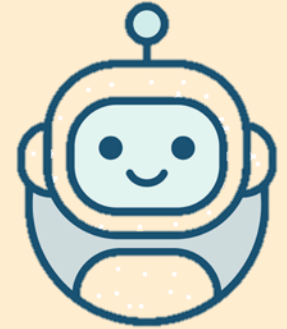


5- Repeat the steps above for adding the “**MPU6050**” lib :



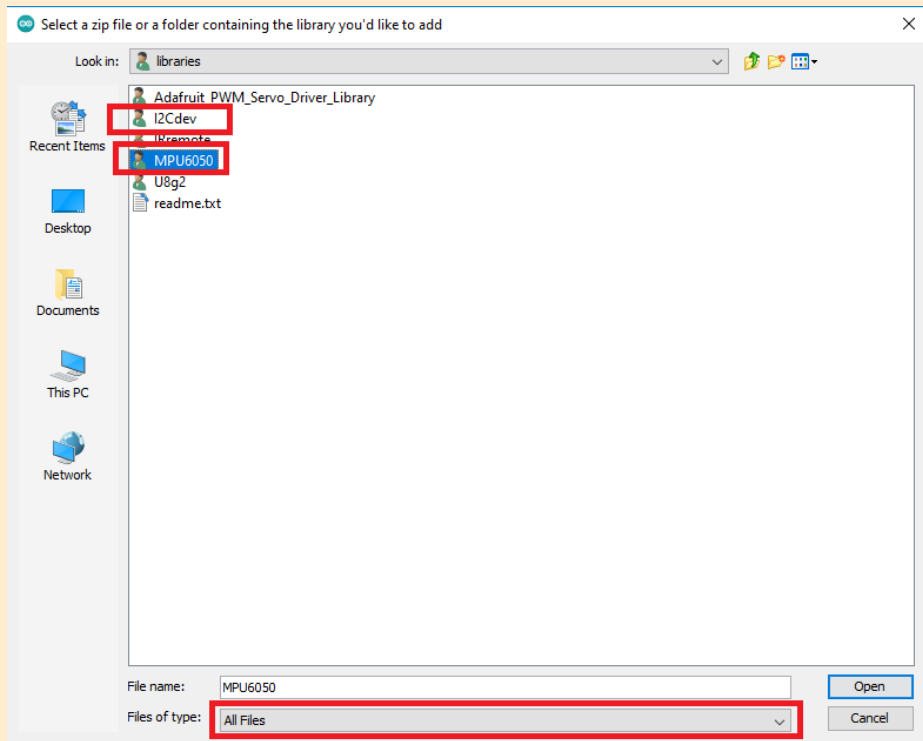
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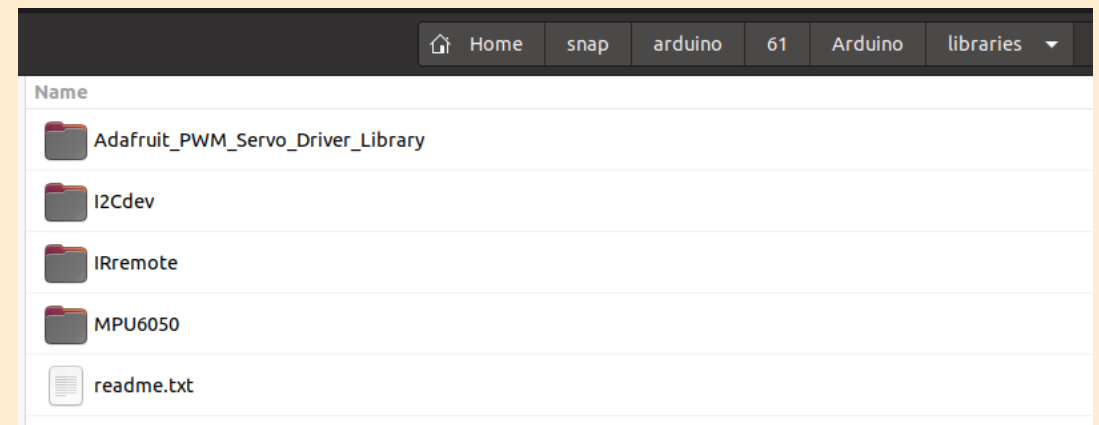


6- RESULT:

The **2 Libs** should now appear in your
“C:\Users*UserName*\Documents\Arduino\libraries\ folder:



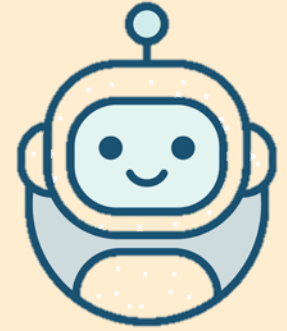
Windows 10



Ubuntu 20.04

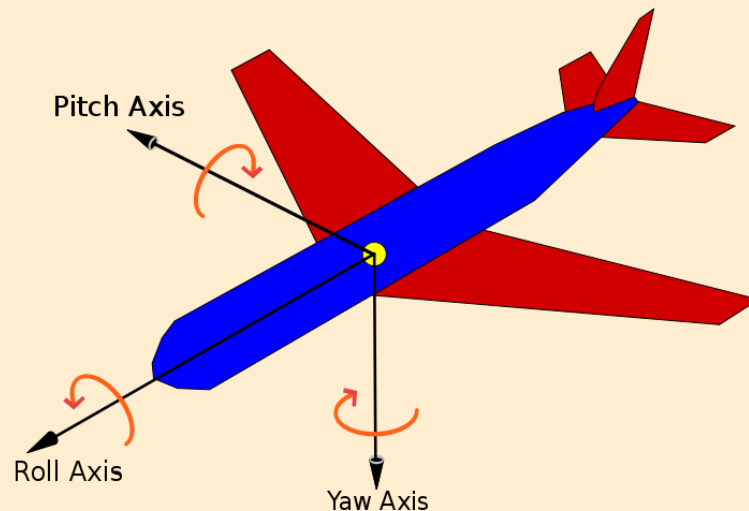
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Module 6: Gyroscope board



ToDo:

- Open the Serial Monitor
- Check the “ypr” = yaw pitch roll values when moving MiniCat :
(click on “Autoscroll” to stop)

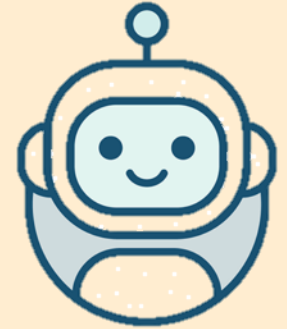


The screenshot shows a serial monitor window titled "/dev/ttyUSB0". It displays a stream of data from a gyroscope board. The data is organized into pairs of lines: "accreal" followed by three numerical values, and "ypr" followed by three numerical values. The "ypr" line for the 6th data point is highlighted in orange. At the bottom of the window, there are two checkboxes: "Autoscroll" and "Show timestamp", both of which are currently unchecked.

accreal	553	-308	4142
ypr	5.81	5.19	0.40
accreal	555	-307	4137
ypr	5.81	5.19	0.40
accreal	562	-306	4137
ypr	5.83	5.19	0.40
accreal	564	-301	4139
ypr	5.84	5.19	0.40
accreal	562	-295	4144
ypr	5.86	5.20	0.40
accreal	555	-292	4142
ypr	5.87	5.19	0.40
accreal	544	-298	4147
ypr	5.88	5.19	0.40
accreal	543	-303	4141
ypr	5.89	5.19	0.40

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Module 7a: All modules + calib



Module 7a: All Modules + calibration

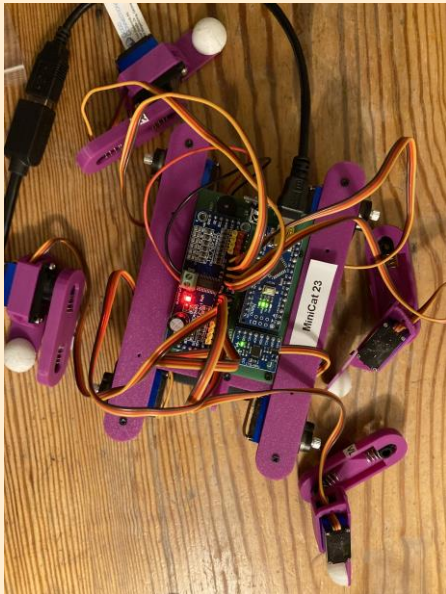
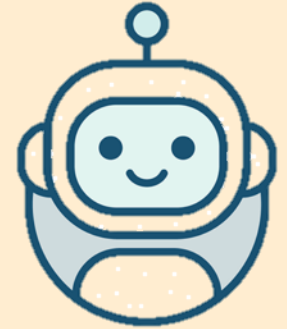
- servos check + gyro calibration
- **not in focus of this workshop (time consuming)**
- servo need to be placed at their zero (middle) angle
- gyro need to be calibrated to know its zero angles (rpy)

Todo:

- Make sure all modules plugged on the PCB
- **Put the battery holder button on “ON” first**
- **Plugin the USB cable to your Laptop**

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Module 7a: All modules + calib

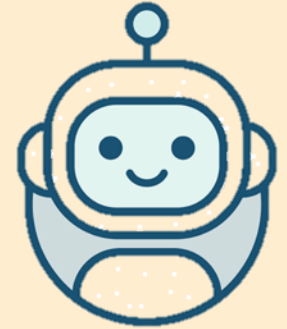


Todo (Software): calib done, not in focus of workshop

- disconnect all legs of MiniCat, no servo blocked
- make sure MiniCat is on a flat surface
- start the “**minicat_servos_and_gyro_calibration.ino**”
 - Open the **Serial Monitor**
 - “**Upload**” the Software
 - The Gyroscope will measure the MiniCat chassis roll/pitch/yaw angles offsets compared to the MPU6050 chip default zero angles, the **offsets will be shown** “
in the **serial monitor**

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Background :

servos calib:

- we need to put all servos at their central zero position before mounting the legs of MiniCat

gyroscope (MPU6050 chip) calib:

- we need to measure the offset of the gyro yaw pitch roll angles compared to the default zero angles in the Gyro board firmware (MiniCat should be put on a flat surface)

Remark :

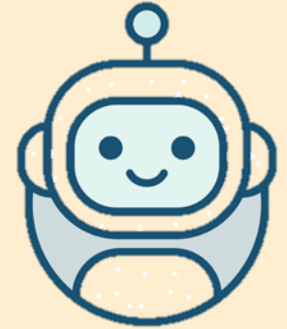
the gyro angles offset values will be stored in EEPROM

(non volatile memory of Arduino Nano)

so that this Calibration is needed only once on a particular Arduino

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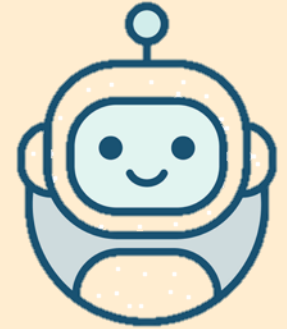
Todo (Software):

- the gyro and servos calibration process will start
- if everything is fine, you get this output in the serial monitor

```
/dev/ttyUSB0  
$GDSGXSBCK-1  
-1  
-1  
-1  
-1  
+1  
-1  
* RoPet Writing Constants to EEPROM *  
0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,  
MPU6050 Calibration Sketch  
  
Your MPU6050 should be placed in horizontal position, with package letters facing up.  
Don't touch it until you see a finish message.  
  
MPU6050 connection successful  
  
Reading sensors for first time...  
  
Calculating offsets...  
...  
...  
...  
5...  
5...  
6...  
13456...  
12456...  
1246...  
11...  
10...  
9...  
8...  
7...  
6...  
5...  
4...  
3...  
2...  
1...  
0...  
126...  
123456  
FINISHED!  
  
Sensor readings with offsets:   9      -8    16397   0       2       0  
Your offsets: -3738  2471   836     78     4      12
```

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Todo (Software):

- keep the serial monitor open and type **“c”** in the command line then **“Enter”**

This will place the servos at their central “zero” position

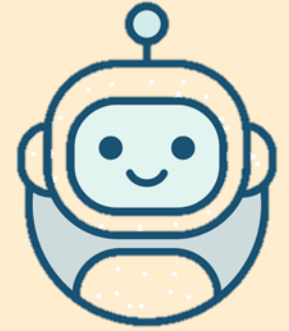
- The Servo angles will be shown w/ zeros in the serial monitor (only 8 to 15 are our 8 servos)

8,	9,	10,	11,	12,	13,	14,	15
0,	0,	0,	0,	0,	0,	0,	0,

- **Keep the battery holder button on “ON”**
- **Do not remove the USB cable from your Laptop yet !**
- **you will only insert the tighs & feet parts in the servos axis**
see how on next slide, do not turn the servo axis manually !
(as you just set the servos to their zero angle pos.)

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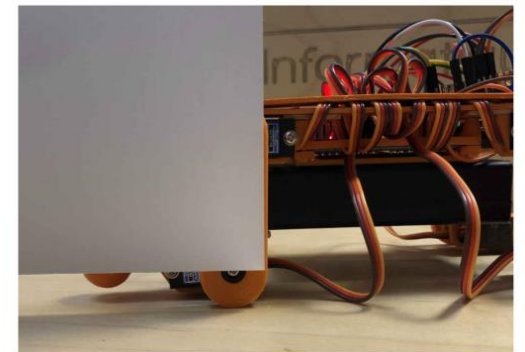
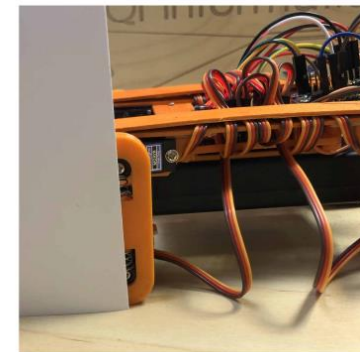
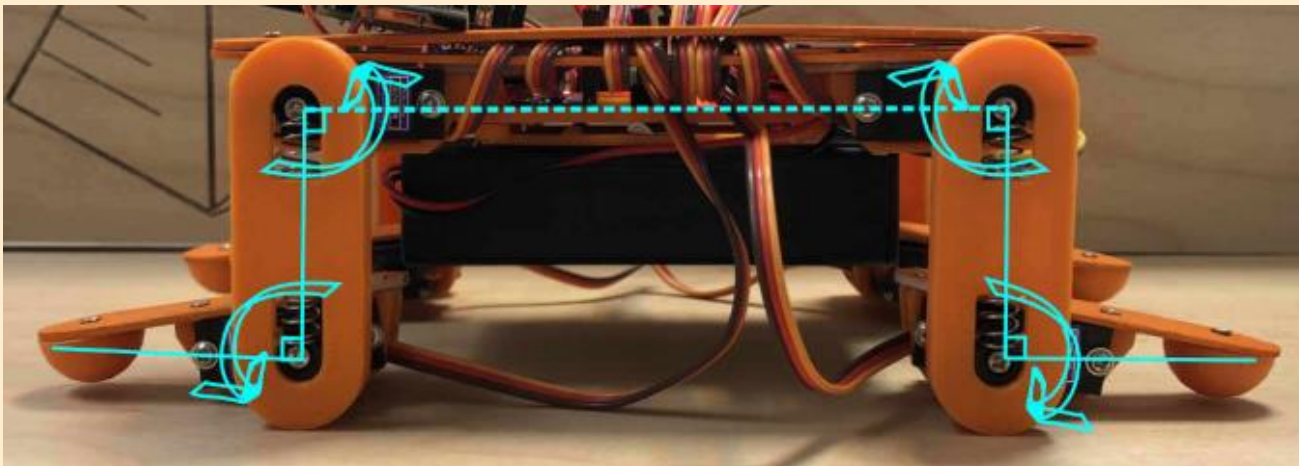
Todo (Software):

- Now that you have set the servos to their zero angle you can mount them as below

(Hint: **do not move the servo axis anymore!**)

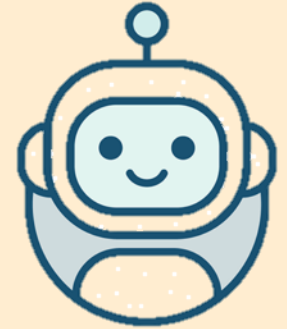
If so, start again

“minicat_servos_and_gyro_calibration.ino”):



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Optional / Todo (Software): Servos angle Fine tuning :

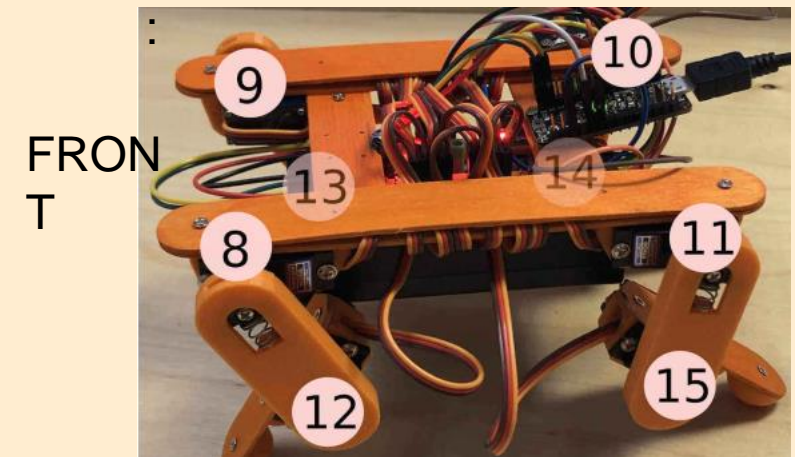
- If you can not achieve 100% the above, you can still **fine tune the servo angles by software by running the below in the Serial Monitor:**

c “servo link index” “correction angle

For example, if you want to change the angle of link 12 of +5 deg you can run : ***c12 5***

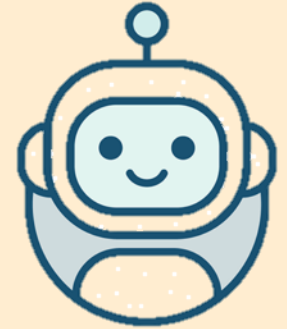
Remark : each tooth of the servo axis is 360deg/20teeth so 18deg so the fine tuning makes sense for +/- 9deg, if more needed just remove the servo arm from the servo axis and place it on a next tooth!

Servos indexes reminder



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Todo (Software):

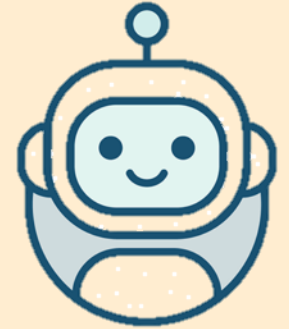
- put the servo screws in the servo axis to fix the positions :



- Once you have achieved the above, **type “s”** in the serial monitor (this will save your servos angles calibration in Arduino EEPROM (non volatile))

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Todo (Software):

- to test your servos calibration, try different positions :
- type “**d**” in monitor to go in default position (“stop”), expected :

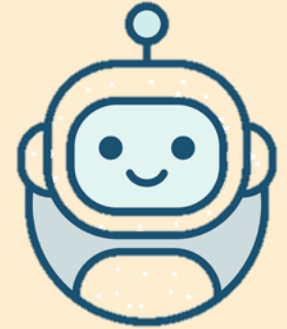


- type “**pbalance**” to go in “stand” position, expected :



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Module 7b: All modules on PCB



Module 7b: All Modules on PCB and Play !

ToDo:

- Unplug the USB cable from your Laptop
- Make sure all modules plugged on the PCB
- **Put the battery holder button on “ON” first**
- **Plugin the USB cable to your Laptop**
- **open the minicat_basic software : double click on “minicat-main/Software/minicat_basic/minicat_basic.ino**
- **Use the remote control to play !**