

## Wiki - Practice exercises for timers

Solve each of the practice exercises below. Each problem includes two CodeSkulptor links; one for a template that you should use as a starting point for your solution and our solution to the exercise.

1. The following program should count upward from zero. Print the counter values 0, 1, 2, ... to the console. Add two lines of Python to make this program work. Hint: Add a global variable to a timer callback, and start a timer.

[Counter template](#)

[Counter solution](#)

2. Given the solution from the following problem, we again want a counter printed to the console. Add three buttons that start, stop and reset the counter, respectively.

[Counter buttons template](#)

[Counter buttons solution](#)

3. Use a timer to toggle the canvas background back and forth between red and blue every 3 seconds. Use the CodeSkulptor Docs to locate the appropriate call to change the background color of the canvas.

[Toggle background template](#)

[Toggle background solution](#)

4. Create a circle in the center of the canvas. Use a timer to increase its radius one pixel every tenth of a second.

[Expanding circle template](#)

[Expanding circle solution](#)

5. **Challenge:** Use a timer to measure how fast you can press a button twice. Create a button that starts a timer that ticks every hundredth of a second. The first button press starts the measurement. The second button press ends the measurement. Print to the console the time elapsed between button presses. The next two button presses should repeat this process, making a new measurement. Hint: We suggest that you keep track of whether the program is on the first or second button press using a global Boolean variable.

[Reflex test template](#)

[Reflex test solution](#)