

ASTRO PI¹ MISSION ZERO

Part 3: Colour Sensor

Send a personalised image to the astronauts on the International Space Station!

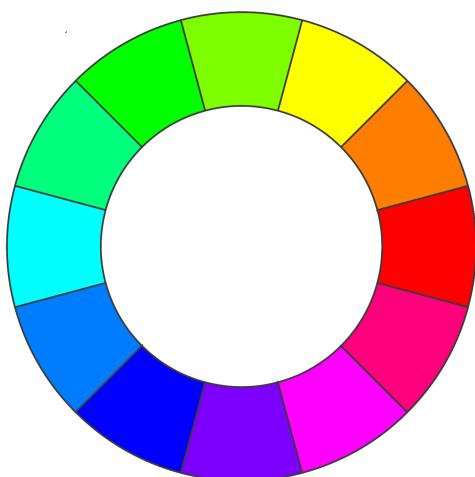
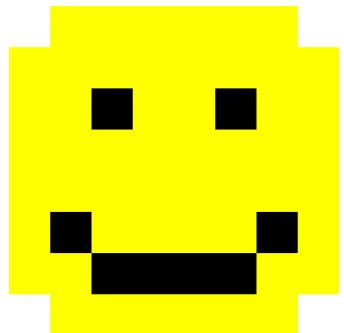
Last week you created 8x8 pixel-art (8 pixels high by 8 pixels wide)
Pixels are **picture elements**.

- Open **pixilart.com** (we can all use the same login **CodeClub67**)

1. Click on the profile *avatar* at the top-right of the window
2. Select **My Gallery**
3. Click on your first image (if you want to change it click **edit**)
4. In the panel on the right scroll down to **Details**
5. Click **Download Original** to download a .png (ping) image.
6. Save this in your downloads folder.

- **MISSION ZERO** grid

1. Open <https://codeclub67.github.io/astro-pi>
2. Choose the **.png** file in downloads
3. Complete the first mission grid on the sheet.
4. Write your name on the back.



Your first mission is to change your image using a sensor reading. We can simulate this in Scratch.

Use a sensor to change image colours.

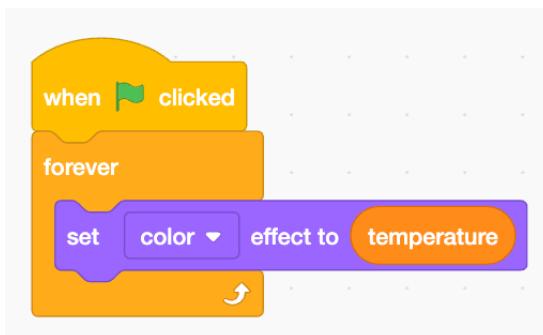
*Colours can be placed on a colour wheel. Any colour can be shifted clockwise around the wheel using the Scratch **colour effect** with the shift value.*

The wheel is 200 units around, so a value of 100 will shift any colour to the opposite side.

¹ astro-pi.org

MISSION ZERO – Scratch Simulation

1. Login to scratch.mit.edu
2. Create a new Scratch project
3. **Upload** a new sprite using the .png image in downloads.
4. It's very small – only 8x8. Adjust the size to 2000%
5. Simulate a sensor by **making** a new variable, called **temperature**.
6. Make sure the variable is **ticked** so it's shown on-screen.
7. Right-click on the on-screen variable to make it a **slider**.
8. Right-click on the on-screen variable to **change slider range**
Set the **maximum value** to 200 (the *circumference* of the colour wheel), **OK**
9. Add this code to set the colour effect according to the temperature.
10. Run the code and change the temperature.



Try a temperature of 100, does it shift the colour to the opposite side of the colour wheel?

A sensor value of 200 should take the colour all the way round the colour wheel back to where it started. What happens?

Astro-pi

Your tutor will show you how to do the same thing on the Astro-pi.

- Open Astro-pi Mission Zero:
https://missions.astro-pi.org/mz/code_submissions/new
- Paste in and demo the example sensor code from:
https://codeclub67.github.io/astro-pi/temperature_sensor.py
- Download a Pixilart gallery image and use the Mission Zero image encoder tool to generate the image and paste this into the Python code, and indent as necessary:
<https://codeclub67.github.io/astro-pi/encoder.html>
- Run the code and vary the temperature
- The code also uses the colour sensor to clear the screen at the end.
- Enter **classroom code** and **team name** and save the work
(no need to submit yet)