

MAE 6291

Internet of Things for Engineers

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Week 5 [02/19/2024]

- Recap: Layers in IoT systems - 3 level layer model
- Automating an email feature – Minimalist application layer in your IoT product design
- In-class email automation using yagmail and smtplib
- Run dweet examples
- In-class Flask API development
- Discussion on what to expect in the remaining portion of the course

git clone https://github.com/gwu-mae6291-iot/spring2025_codes.git



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Midterm projects



Midterm Project Status – Spring 2024

Name	Project title	Hardware requirements	Status
Aleks Haskett	<i>Home Security System</i>	Pi Camera, Tracking sensor, Passive buzzer	Approved. Needs to collect sensors
Gerald Fattah	<i>Smart Animal Capture System</i>	IR Sensor, Pyroelectric ("Passive") InfraRed (PIR) module, Pi Camera	Approved. Needs to collect sensors
Jonathan Pang	<i>Proximity Alarm Door System (PADS)</i>	Pyroelectric ("Passive") InfraRed (PIR) module (HC-SR501), Bluetooth Tranceiver Module	Approved. Needs to collect sensors
Oliver Kristeya	<i>Dungeons & Dragans (D&D) Tower Roller</i>	Pi Camera, 3.5 in touch screen	Need more information on 02/23, Approved on 02/26, Needs to collect sensors
Talia Novack	<i>Dish Washer Helper</i>	Touch switch, analog heat sensor	Approved. Need make and model numbers of the sensors
Warren Nguyen	<i>Adaptive Lamp</i>	SenseHat, Photoresistor, Dimmable light sources	Approved. Need make and model numbers of the sensors
Selman Eris	<i>Food Scanner</i>	Pi Camera	Approved. Needs to collect sensors
Matthew Gouvin	<i>Plant Lighting Measurement Device</i>	Light sensors	Approved. Need make and model numbers of the sensors
Liza Mozolyuk	<i>Flight Tracking Interface</i>	SenseHat	Need more information on 02/23, Approved on 02/26, Needs to collect sensors
Bridget Orr	<i>Ukelele Tuner</i>	Sound sensor	Approved. Need make and model numbers of the sensors
Georgiana Mois	<i>MediTrack: Smark Medication Management</i>	Tilt Switch, Vibration Swtich	Approved. Need make and model numbers of the sensors
Alicia Ha	<i>Home Security Camera and Doorbell System</i>	Ultrasonic sensor, Pi Camera, PIR motion sensor, RGB LED, Passive Buzzer, Button	Approved. Need make and model numbers of the sensors
William Mai	<i>Cat Detector</i>	Pi NOIR Camera	Approved. Needs to collect sensors
Peter Wright	<i>Smart Cat Feeder</i>	Weight and Optical Sensor, actuator	Approved. Need make and model numbers of the sensors
Abdulrahman Alsaleh	<i>Camera by sensor detection</i>	Pi Camera, PIR motion sensor or Ultrasonic sensor,	Approved. Need make and model numbers of the sensors
Alvin Isaac	<i>Water Detection System</i>	Temperature, humidity and water level sensor	Need more information on 02/23, Approved on 02/26, Needs to collect sensors
Kartik Bulusu	<i>STREAM: Sensor sTack foR EnvironmentAI Monitoring</i>	ESP 32, Barometer, GPS, SCD-30 - NDIR CO2 Temperature and Humidity Sensor	Need more information; Unclear how he's going to pull this off!!



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Alexandra Trotter	Inconvenience in Animal Welfare	Vibration sensor – Recommended PIR sensor & Buzzer	Approved. Needs to collect sensors
Ben Sirota	Baja Car Speedometer	Hall effect Sensors, Photointerruptors - Recommendation: Pi Camera	Approved. Needs to collect sensors Need more information
Dominic Savarino	<i>EyePi: Intelligent Object Detection with Email Alerts</i>	Pi Camera	Approved. Needs to collect sensors
Elliot Hunter	<i>Smart Seat Occupancy and Safety System (Grad Student Perfector)</i>	Vibration Switch, Pi Camera, Relay, MQ2 Gas sensor , LED	Approved. Needs to collect sensors
Alex Vasilev	<i>Real-time battery display</i>	Voltage detector, A/D converter	Approved. Needs to collect sensors
Puchen Wang	<i>Infrared Sensor-Based Automatic Pet Door</i>	LEDs, IR transceivers – Recommendation: PIR sensors	Approved. Needs to collect sensors
Miya Liu	<i>iSwipe: connecting hungry students to meal swipes</i>	GPS module	Approved. Needs to collect sensors Need more information
Nick Neirotti	<i>Shade Runner 2025</i>	DC Motors, Motor Drivers, ESP32, Battery holder	Approved. Needs to collect sensors
Nathan Janssen	<i>Project Saver</i>	Recommendation: Servo motors	Approved. Needs to collect actuators
Omar Nayfeh	<i>REEFLEX Water Leak Detection System</i>	Sound sensor	Conditionally Approved. Need make and model numbers of the sensors
Shota Kakiuchi	<i>Smart Refill Monitoring System for Waste Management</i>	Ultrasonic sensor, LCD module, Active Buzzer, LED, button	Approved. Needs to collect sensors
William Lynam	PlantPal	Humiture sensors	Approved. Need make and model numbers of the sensors
Yazan Sawalhi	<i>Candle Monitor and Extinguisher</i>	Flame sensor, Ultrasound sensor., Motorized Fan	Approved. Needs to collect sensors
Aly Nguyen	<i>Extreme Study Buddy</i>	Servo Motors, LEDs, Sound sesnors, ultrasound sensor, LCD Module	Approved. Need make and model numbers of the sensors
Sumner Gubisch	<i>Print Scheduler, Live Updates, Time-lapse and Controls for Vat Photopolymerization (VPP) Printers</i>	Pi Camera	Approved. Need make and model numbers of the sensors
Kartik Bulusu	<i>Translator-at-ease</i>	ESP 32, Barometer, GPS, SCD-30 - NDIR CO2 Temperature and Humidity Sensor	Need more information; Unclear how he's going to pull this off!!



Resetting the course for the next 5 weeks:

- Topics to be covered
- Weekly deliverables



Hardware:

1. ESP32
2. Cameras
3. SenseHat

Mathematics:

1. Basics of matrices
2. Applications of matrices: filters
3. Basics of Signal processing

App-development:

1. Flask
2. Micropython
3. Flask_Restful
4. WebSockets

Edge computing on the Pi:

Mathematics + Python + Signal processing

Expectations on student deliverables:

1. Midterm project demo
2. Midterm project presentation
3. Midterm project report in a conference-style template
4. Weekly coding HW
5. Weekly Quizzes
6. Final project proposal
7. Final project presentation
8. Final project demo
9. Final report in a conference-style template



Building up the IoT Architecture and Ecosystem

Icon Sources:

sensor by Carolina Cani; sensor by Pham Duy Phuong Hung, sensor by Tippawan Sookruay, sensor by Lorenzo:

<https://thenounproject.com/browse/icons/term/sensor>

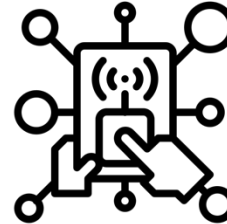
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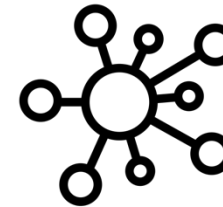
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Information-layer



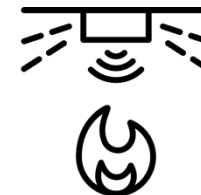
Data

Communication-layer



Connectivity

Sensor-layer



Things



The 3-Layer IoT Architecture

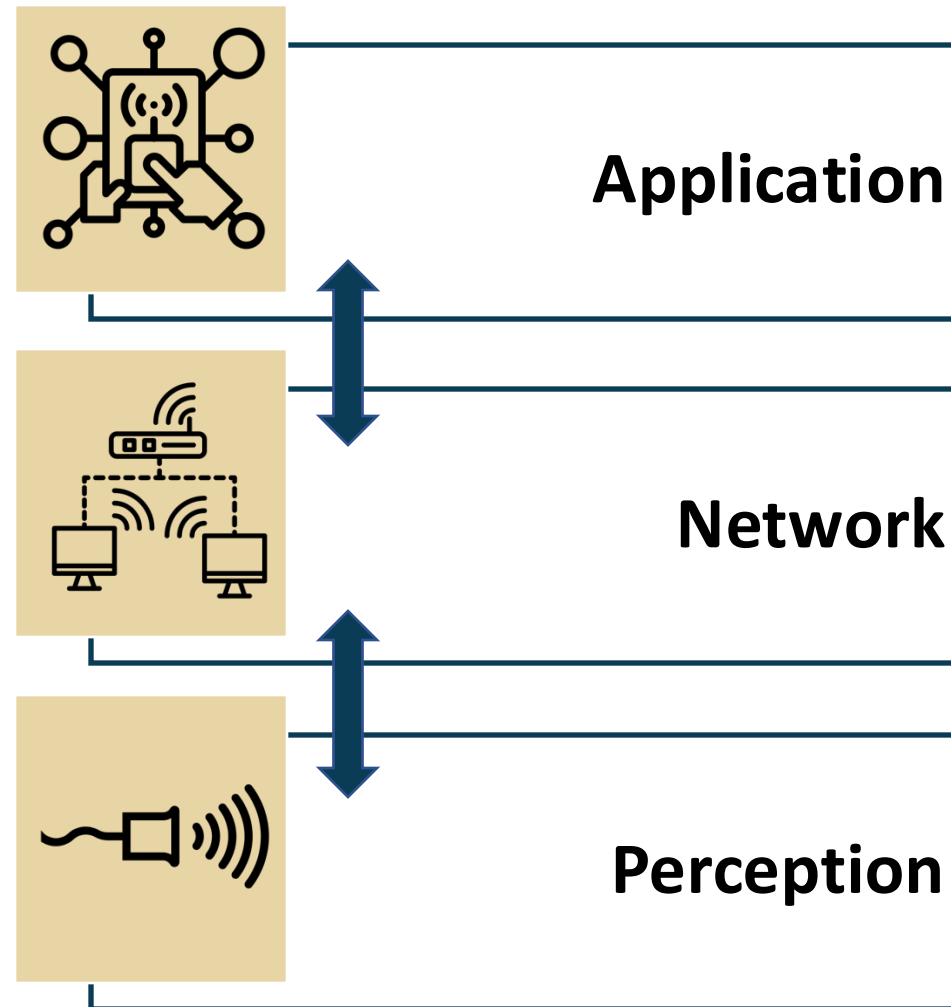
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Minimalist application layer in
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Graded Lab Activity (10 points)

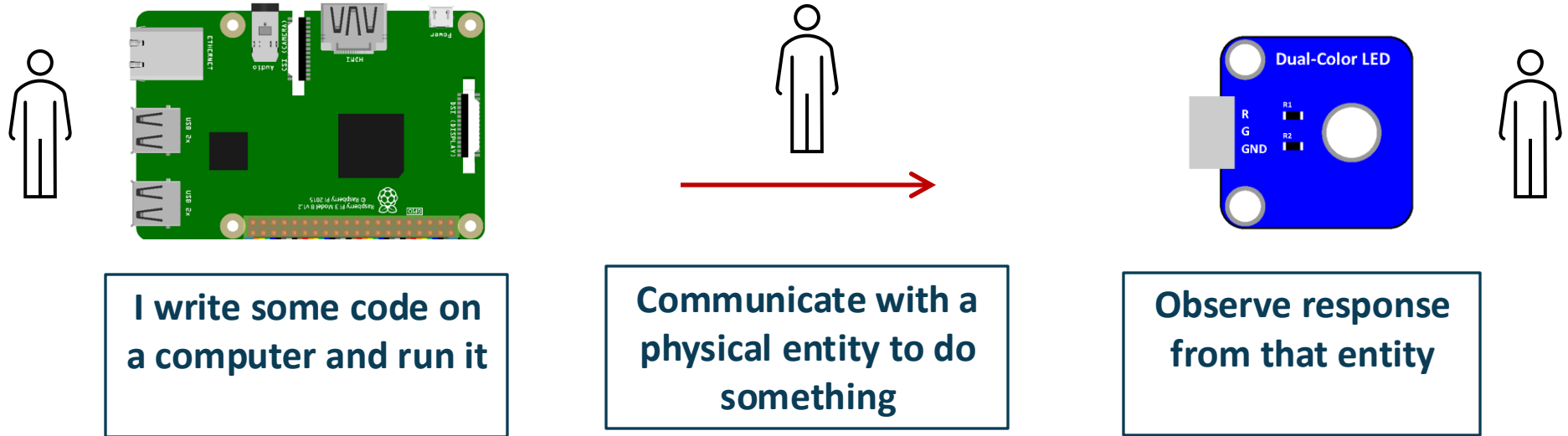


Run
dweet_LED_Example
Your first IoT program

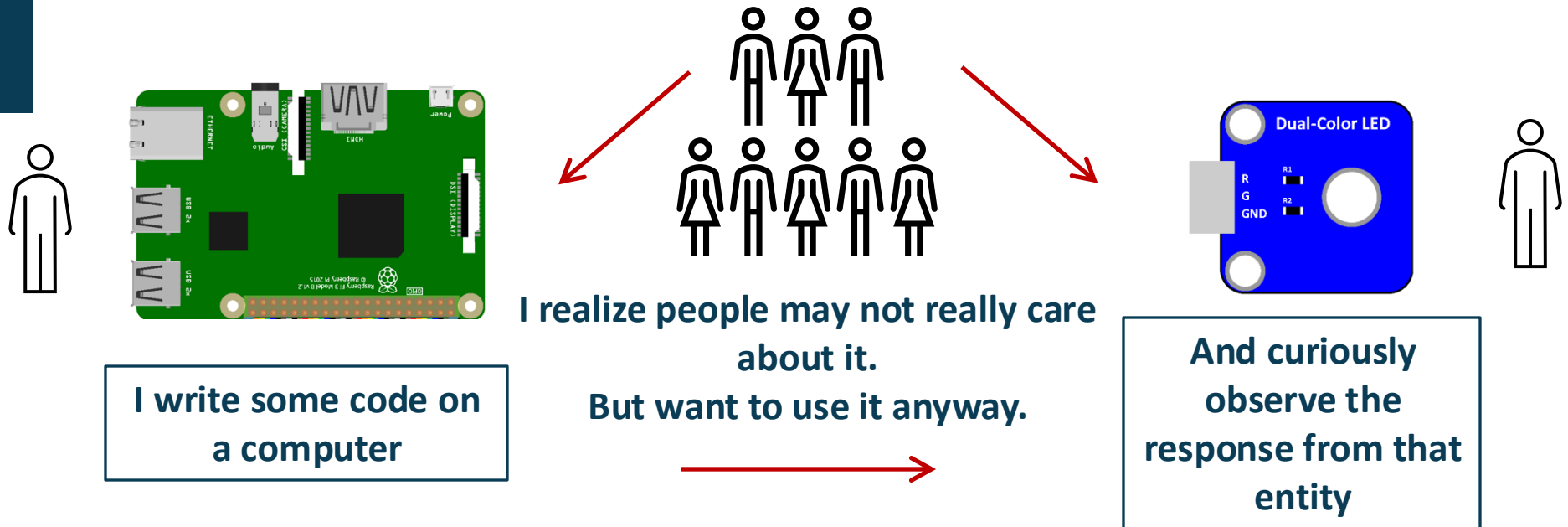
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Scenario

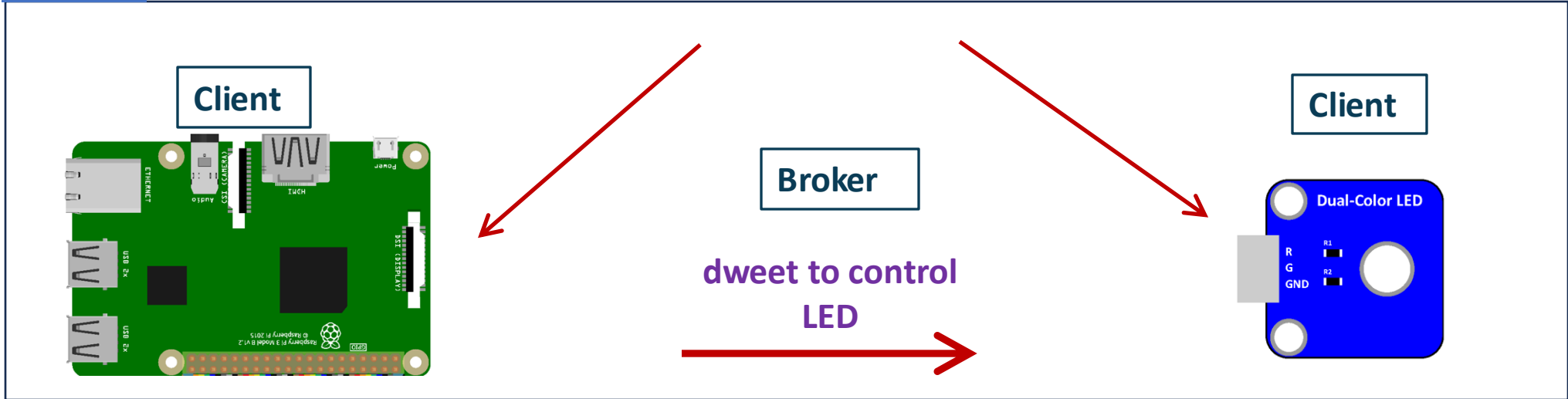


What-if-scenario

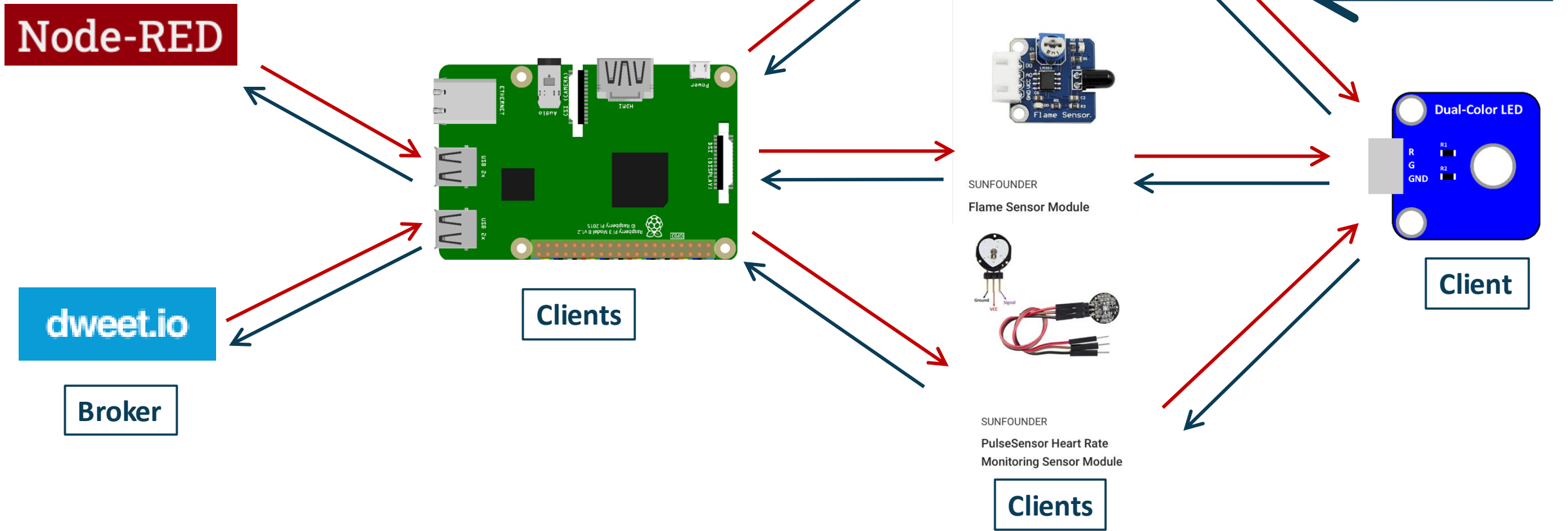




Thing



Practical view of MQTT in IoT applications



Goal-1:

Fetch dweet-data using Python

Step-0:

Install Thonny IDE

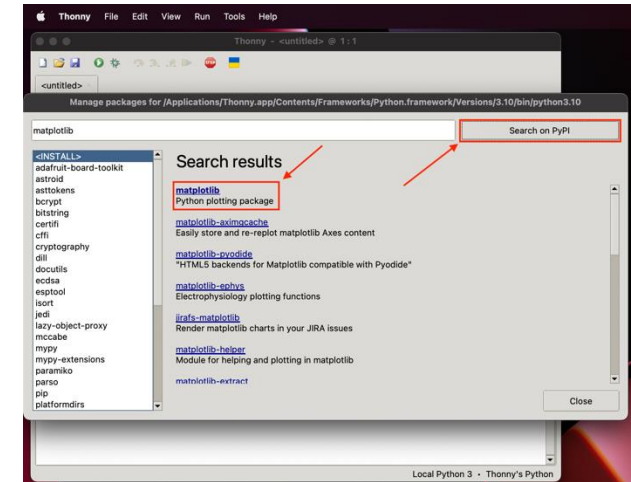
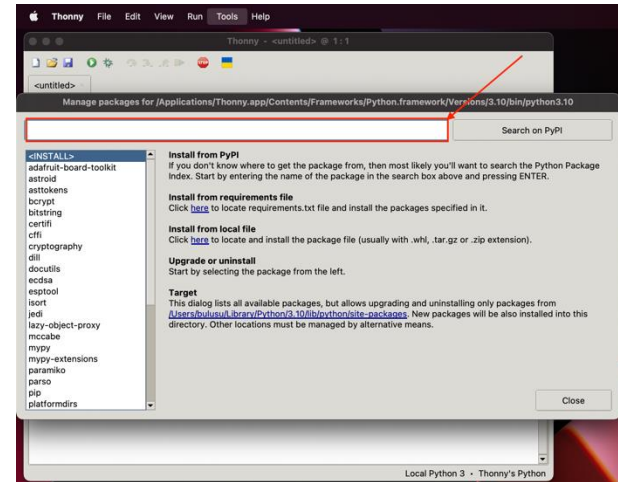
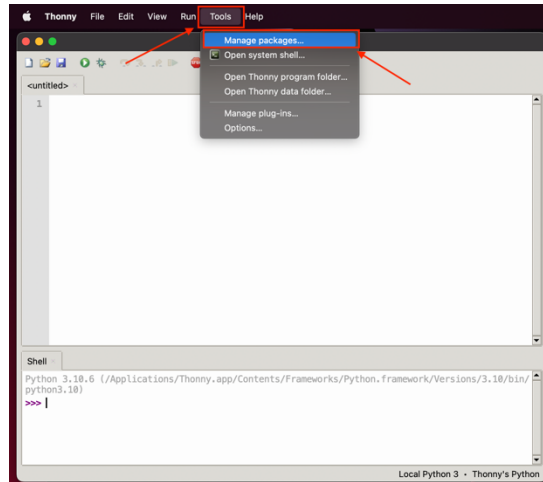
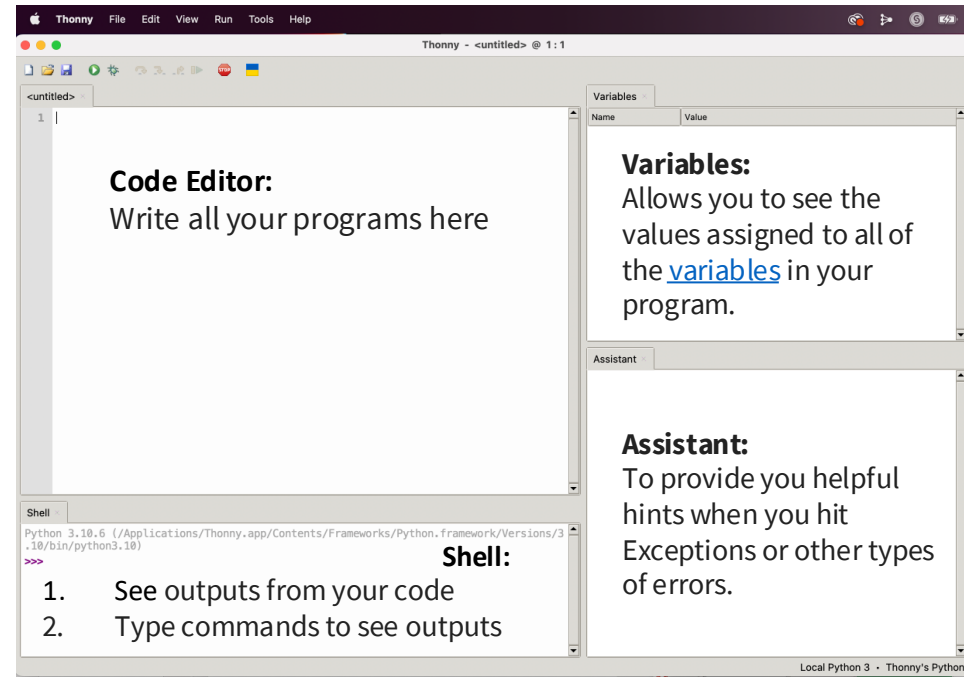


<https://thonny.org>

Step-1:

Install the following libraries:

1. matplotlib
2. pandas
3. numpy
4. dweeepy



Step-2:
Go to dweet.io



<https://dweet.io>

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meant to be.

dweet.io

Share your thing —
like it ain't no thang.


Try It Now

(Hint: For BIG fun, try it on your smartphone or tablet)

Play

Discover

FAQ



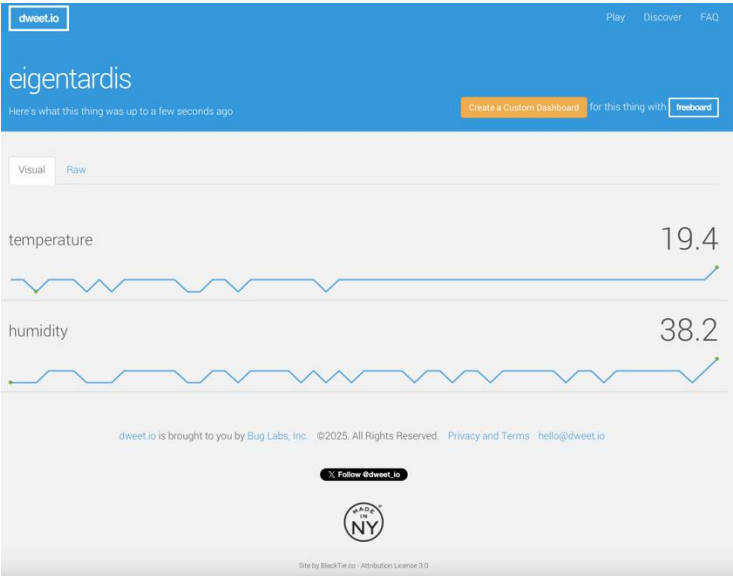
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eigentardis	temperature, humidity			a few seconds ago
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Step-3:

Let's write a Python program to retrieve dweet-data from a thing

Test drive:

<https://dweet.io/follow/eigentardis>

dweet-thing: eigentardis

data1: temperature

data2: humidity

The screenshot shows the Thonny Python IDE with a file named `dweetRetrieve.py`. The code is a Python script that imports the `dweepy` library and uses `input()` to get user input for a 'thing' name and three data points. It then uses `dweepy.get_latest_dweet_for()` to retrieve data for the specified thing. The script also includes comments and a final line to print the retrieved data as a dictionary.

```
1 # ===== #
2 # ===== Import libraries that matter ===== #
3 import dweepy
4 # ===== #
5
6 # ===== #
7
8 # Get thing name sourced from dweet.io
9 thing = input("Enter the thing name: " )
10
11 # Assign data variables
12 # Use the names copied verbatim from the thing
13 data1 = input("Retrieve IoT data #1 from the thing: " )
14
15 data2 = input("Retrieve IoT data #2 from the thing: " )
16
17 data3 = input("Retrieve IoT data #3 from the thing: " )
18
19 thing_info = dweepy.get_latest_dweet_for(thing)
20 # thing_info is a list of dictionaries
21
22 # ===== #
23
24 # ===== #
25 # ===== Start retrieving data ===== #
26
27
28 # Store "thing_info" as a dictionary: slice 0th entry
```

The **Variables** panel on the right shows the current state of the program's variables:

Name	Value
data1	'Temperature'
data2	'Humidity'
data3	'Barometric_Pressure'
dateNow	'2023-02-24'
date_created	'2023-02-24T02:04:30.933Z'
dweepy	<module 'dweepy' from '/Users/bulusu/Li
humidity	28
pressure	1005.25
stampTime	'02:04:30'
tempC	66.02
tempF	3801.6
thing	'4C_Seattle1'
thing_info	[{'thing': '4C_Seattle1', 'created': '2023-0
this_dict	{'thing': '4C_Seattle1', 'created': '2023-0

The **Assistant** panel on the right provides feedback on the code:

The code in `dweetRetrieve.py` looks good.
If it is not working as it should, then consider using some general [debugging techniques](#).
[Was it helpful or confusing?](#)

The **Shell** panel at the bottom shows the execution output:

```
>>> %Run dweetRetrieve.py
Enter the thing name: 4C_Seattle1
Retrieve IoT data #1 from the thing: Temperature
Retrieve IoT data #2 from the thing: Humidity
Retrieve IoT data #3 from the thing: Barometric_Pressure
Status update for 4C_Seattle1
Date 2023-02-24
Time 02:04:30
```

Local Python 3 • Thonny's Python



Step-1:

- Create **python** virtual environment
 - Activate **python-venv**
 - Install **pip**

```
pi@raspberrypi:~$ cd Desktop/Spring2024/dweet_LED_Example/
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~$/Desktop/Spring2024/dweet_LED_Example $
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~$/Desktop/Spring2024/dweet_LED_Example $ python -m venv venv
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~$/Desktop/Spring2024/dweet_LED_Example $ source venv/bin/activate
```

```
(venv) pi@raspberrypi:~$/Desktop/Spring2024/dweet_LED_Example $ pip install --upgrade pip
```

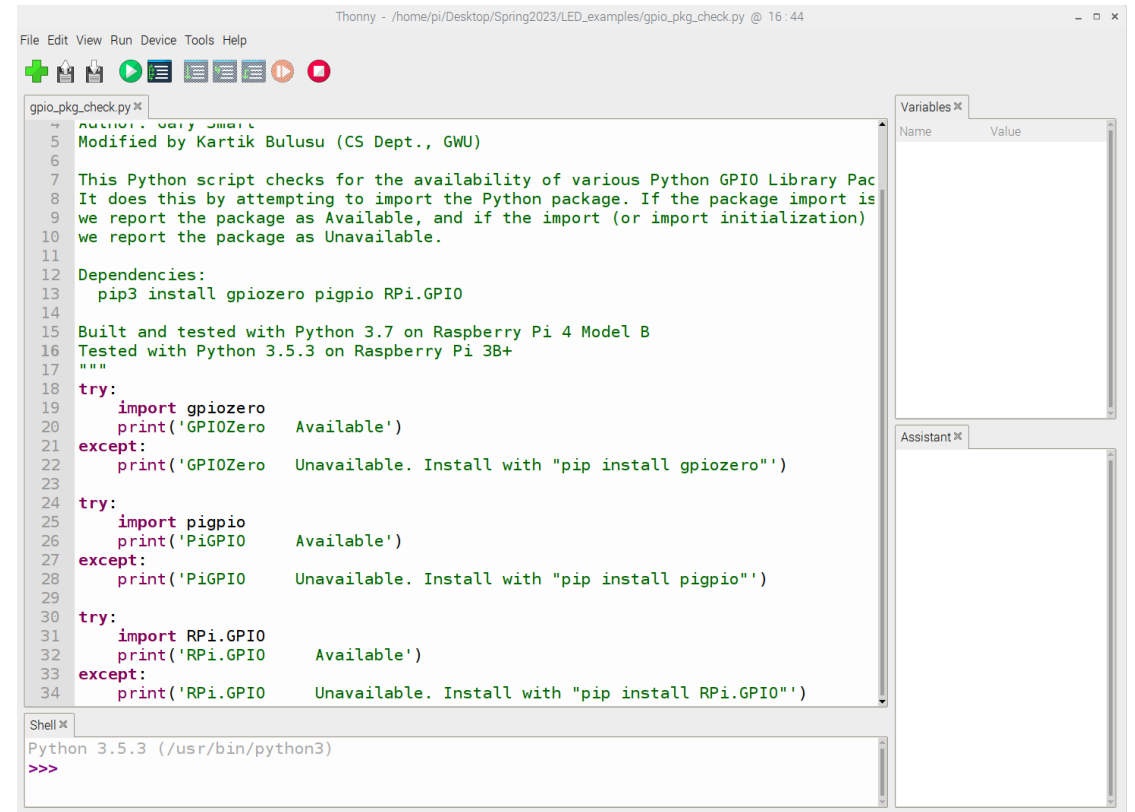
```
(venv) pi@raspberrypi:~$/Desktop/Spring2024/dweet_LED_Example $ pip list
```



Step-2:

- Review of the codes provided to you
- Execute `gpio_pkg_check.py` from the terminal
- See example screenshot for Thonny IDE

Note: You are still in python-venv



```
Thonny - /home/pi/Desktop/Spring2023/LED_examples/gpio_pkg_check.py @ 16:44
File Edit View Run Device Tools Help
gpio_pkg_check.py x
1 author: Kartik Bulusu
2 Modified by Kartik Bulusu (CS Dept., GWU)
3
4 This Python script checks for the availability of various Python GPIO Library Pac
5 It does this by attempting to import the Python package. If the package import is
6 we report the package as Available, and if the import (or import initialization)
7 we report the package as Unavailable.
8
9 Dependencies:
10 pip3 install gpiozero pigpio RPi.GPIO
11
12 Built and tested with Python 3.7 on Raspberry Pi 4 Model B
13 Tested with Python 3.5.3 on Raspberry Pi 3B+
14 """
15 try:
16     import gpiozero
17     print('GPIOZero    Available')
18 except:
19     print('GPIOZero    Unavailable. Install with "pip install gpiozero"')
20
21 try:
22     import pigpio
23     print('PiGPIO      Available')
24 except:
25     print('PiGPIO      Unavailable. Install with "pip install pigpio"')
26
27 try:
28     import RPi.GPIO
29     print('RPi.GPIO     Available')
30 except:
31     print('RPi.GPIO     Unavailable. Install with "pip install RPi.GPIO"')
32
33 Shell x
34 Python 3.5.3 (/usr/bin/python3)
35 >>>
```

(venv) `pi@raspberrypi:~$ /Desktop/Spring2024/dweet_LED_Example $ python gpio_pkg_check.py`



Step-3:

Install GPIO & requests packages

Note:

- You are still in python-venv
- Installation of all the packages may take a while
- You may need to repeat this step again.
 - Follow the subsequent steps to complete the installations

```
pi@raspberrypi: ~/Desktop/Spring2023/LED_examples
File Edit Tabs Help
(venv) pi@raspberrypi:~/Desktop/Spring2023/LED_examples $ python gpio_pkg_check.py
GPIOZero Unavailable. Install with "pip install gpiozero"
PiGPIO Unavailable. Install with "pip install pigpio"
RPi.GPIO Unavailable. Install with "pip install RPi.GPIO"
(venv) pi@raspberrypi:~/Desktop/Spring2023/LED_examples $
(venv) pi@raspberrypi:~/Desktop/Spring2023/LED_examples $
(venv) pi@raspberrypi:~/Desktop/Spring2023/LED_examples $ pip install gpiozero pigpio RPi.GPIO
DEPRECATION: Python 3.5 reached the end of its life on September 13th, 2020. Please upgrade your Python as Python 3.
5 is no longer maintained. pip 21.0 will drop support for Python 3.5 in January 2021. pip 21.0 will remove support f
or this functionality.
Looking in indexes: https://pypi.org/simple, https://www.piwheels.org/simple
Collecting gpiozero
  Using cached https://www.piwheels.org/simple/gpiozero/gpiozero-1.6.2-py2.py3-none-any.whl (148 kB)
Collecting pigpio
  Using cached https://www.piwheels.org/simple/pigpio/pigpio-1.78-py2.py3-none-any.whl (39 kB)
Collecting RPi.GPIO
  Using cached https://www.piwheels.org/simple/rpi-gpio/RPi.GPIO-0.7.1-cp35-cp35m-linux_armv7l.whl (68 kB)
Collecting colorzero
  Using cached https://www.piwheels.org/simple/colorzero/colorzero-2.0-py2.py3-none-any.whl (26 kB)
Requirement already satisfied: setuptools in ./venv/lib/python3.5/site-packages (from colorzero->gpiozero) (33.1.1)
Installing collected packages: colorzero, RPi.GPIO, pigpio, gpiozero
Successfully installed RPi.GPIO-0.7.1 colorzero-2.0 gpiozero-1.6.2 pigpio-1.78
(venv) pi@raspberrypi:~/Desktop/Spring2023/LED_examples $
```

(venv) pi@raspberrypi:~\$ /Desktop/Spring2024/dweet_LED_Example \$ pip install gpiozero pigpio RPi.GPIO numpy matplotlib requests yagmail



Step-4:

Install system level dependencies needed to work with the following packages:

- matplotlib
- numpy
- yagmail

Note:

- These updates may take a while to complete
- Repeat installation **GPIO & requests** packages as suggested in Step-2 to complete all installations

```
(venv) pi@raspberrypi:~$ /Desktop/Spring2024/dweet_LED_Example $ sudo apt-get install libopenblas-dev
```

```
(venv) pi@raspberrypi:~$ /Desktop/Spring2024/dweet_LED_Example $ sudo apt-get install libxml2-dev libxslt-dev
```

```
(venv) pi@raspberrypi:~$ /Desktop/Spring2024/dweet_LED_Example $ pip install gpiozero pigpio RPi.GPIO numpy matplotlib requests yagmail
```



Step-5:

- Execute `gpio_pkg_check.py` from the terminal
- Perform some checks and balances
 - `pip list`
 - `pip freeze`
 - See example screenshot for what to expect

```
pi@raspberrypi: ~/Desktop/Spring2023/LED_examples
File Edit Tabs Help
(venv) pi@raspberrypi:~/Desktop/Spring2023/LED_examples $ pip list
DEPRECATION: Python 3.5 reached the end of its life on September 13th, 2020. Please upgrade your Python as Python 3.5 is no longer maintained. pip 21.0 will drop support for Python 3.5 in January 2021. pip 21.0 will remove support for this functionality.
Package            Version
-----
colorzero          2.0
gpiozero           1.6.2
pigpio             1.78
pip                20.3.4
pkg-resources      0.0.0
RPi.GPIO           0.7.1
setuptools         33.1.1
(venv) pi@raspberrypi:~/Desktop/Spring2023/LED_examples $ python gpio_pkg_check.py
GPIOZero Available
PiGPIO Available
RPi.GPIO Available
(venv) pi@raspberrypi:~/Desktop/Spring2023/LED_examples $ pip freeze > requirements.txt
DEPRECATION: Python 3.5 reached the end of its life on September 13th, 2020. Please upgrade your Python as Python 3.5 is no longer maintained. pip 21.0 will drop support for Python 3.5 in January 2021. pip 21.0 will remove support for this functionality.
(venv) pi@raspberrypi:~/Desktop/Spring2023/LED_examples $
```

(venv) pi@raspberrypi:~\$ /Desktop/Spring2024/dweet_LED_Example \$ python gpio_pkg_check.py

(venv) pi@raspberrypi:~\$ /Desktop/Spring2024/dweet_LED_Example \$ pip list

(venv) pi@raspberrypi:~\$ /Desktop/Spring2024/dweet_LED_Example \$ pip freeze > requirements.txt



Step-6:

Initialize **pigpio** daemon

```
(venv) pi@raspberrypi:~$ /Desktop/Spring2024/dweet_LED_Example $ sudo pigpiod
```

Alternatively:

Initialize **pigpio** daemon using the following terminal commands

```
(venv) pi@raspberrypi:~$ /Desktop/Spring2024/dweet_LED_Example $ sudo systemctl enable pigpiod
```

```
(venv) pi@raspberrypi:~$ /Desktop/Spring2024/dweet_LED_Example $ sudo systemctl start pigpiod
```

```
(venv) pi@raspberrypi:~$ /Desktop/Spring2024/dweet_LED_Example $ sudo systemctl stop pigpiod
```

```
(venv) pi@raspberrypi:~$ /Desktop/Spring2024/dweet_LED_Example $ sudo systemctl start pigpiod
```

Step-7:

Run the **python** codes related to **dweet** following the next set of steps



Breakdown of your first IoT program



Skeleton of the updated Python program written for Raspberry Pi

```
import library1 as name1  
import RPi.GPIO as GPIO  
import time
```

Import libraries that are relevant for interaction with the Raspberry Pi hardware such as GPIO pins, camera ports etc.

```
GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BOARD)
```

```
GPIO.setup(12, GPIO.OUT)
```

Set up GPIO pins as data outputs or inputs for sensors and actuators

```
def function_name(arguments):  
    statement  
    statement  
    ...  
    return value
```

Create user-defined functions to modularize your code and make it easy to work.

Create user-defined functions to release the GPIO pins

```
if __name__ == "__main__":  
    try:  
        function_name1()  
    except KeyboardInterrupt:  
        function_name2()
```

Create entry point into the program and pull all functions in

Create a keyboard-interrupt exception clause



signal module, facilitates means through which a program can receive information (events from the Operating System and pass them to programs.

- For example, signal **SIGINT** is generated when we press the keystrokes Ctrl + C on our keyboard

json (JavaScript Object Notation) **module** used for storing and transporting data from a server to a web page.

os module in Python provides functions for interacting with the operating system such as

- Handling and creating directories
- Listing out Files and Directories
- Deleting Directory or Files using Python

```
import signal
import json
import os
import sys
import logging
from gpiozero import Device, LED
from gpiozero.pins.pigpio import PiGPIOFactory
from time import sleep
from uuid import uuid1
import requests
import RPi.GPIO as GPIO
```

logging module, tracks (disruptive) events that occur in a computer system, such as problems, errors or just information on current operations

uuid (Universally Unique Identifier) **module** in Python, is a 128-character string of alphanumeric variable type, that uniquely identifies an object, entity, or resource in both space and time of a table.

- For example, **uuid.uuid1()** creates a UUID by utilizing the computer's MAC address and the current time in accordance with the RFC 4122 definition.

requests module is used making HTTP requests to a specified URL by sending and receiving data from websites by providing a uniform interface for both **get** and **post** methods.

For example,

- **get method** is used to retrieve information from the given server using a given URL
- **post method** sends the encoded user information appended to the page request.
- The page and the encoded information are separated by the '?' character.

Sources:

<https://docs.python.org/3/library/logging.html>

<https://docs.python.org/3/library/uuid.html>

<https://favtutor.com/blogs/uuid-python>

<https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/python-requests-tutorial/>



Review your LED connection to make sure you are connected to GPIO17.
Got back to Step-0 to confirm.

```
# Global Variables
LED_GPIO_PIN = 17
THING_NAME_FILE = 'thing_name.txt'
URL = 'https://dweet.io'
last_led_state = None
thing_name = None
led = None

# GPIO Pin that LED is connected to
# The name of our "thing" is persisted into this file
# Dweet.io service API
# Current state of LED ("on", "off", "blinking")
# Thing name (as persisted in THING_NAME_FILE)
# GPIOZero LED instance
```

```
# Initialize Logging
logging.basicConfig(level=logging.WARNING) # Global logging configuration
logger = logging.getLogger('main') # Logger for this module
logger.setLevel(logging.INFO) # Debugging for this file.
```

```
# Initialize GPIO
Device.pin_factory = PiGPIOFactory()
```

gpiozero module is a simple interface to GPIO devices with [Raspberry Pi](#), developed and maintained by [Ben Nuttall](#) and [Dave Jones](#).

- It is a simpler alternative to `RPi.GPIO` module
- Documentation: <https://gpiozero.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

(2) } → logging module, tracks (disruptive) events that occur in a computer system, such as problems, errors or just information on current operations



```
# Function Definitions
```

```
def init_led():  
    """Create and initialise an LED Object"""  
    global led  
    led = LED(LED_GPIO_PIN)  
    led.off()
```

} → **gpiozero module**, is used to initialize the GPIO pin where the LED is connected.

```
def resolve_thing_name(thing_file):  
    """Get existing, or create a new thing name"""  
    if os.path.exists(thing_file):  
        with open(thing_file, 'r') as file_handle:  
            name = file_handle.read()  
            logger.info('Thing name ' + name + ' loaded from ' + thing_file)  
            return name.strip()  
    else:  
        name = str(uuid1())[:8] # UUID object to string.  
        logger.info('Created new thing name ' + name)  
        with open(thing_file, 'w') as f:  
            f.write(name)  
    return name
```

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uuid (Universally Unique Identifier) **module** in Python creates your unique thing-name:

- **uuid.uuid1()** creates a UUID by utilizing the computer's MAC address and the current time in accordance with the RFC 4122 definition.

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logging module, tracks (disruptive) events that occur in a computer system:

- **logging.info()** records information on a piece of code that works as intended.

```
def get_latest_dweet():
    """Get the last dweet made by our thing."""
    resource = URL + '/get/latest/dweet/for/' + thing_name
    logger.debug('Getting last dweet from url %s', resource)
```

```
r = requests.get(resource)
```

```
if r.status_code == 200:
    dweet = r.json() # return a Python dict.
    logger.debug('Last dweet for thing was %s', dweet)
```

```
dweet_content = None
```

```
if dweet['this'] == 'succeeded':
    # We're just interested in the dweet content property.
    dweet_content = dweet['with'][0]['content']
```

```
return dweet_content
```

```
else:
    logger.error('Getting last dweet failed with http status %s', r.status_code)
    return {}
```

requests module is utilized here to retrieve the URL

- **get method** is used to retrieve information from the given server using a given URL

logging module, tracks (disruptive) events that occur in a computer system:

- **logging.debug()**, provides a flexible framework for emitting log messages from Python programs

json (JavaScript Object Notation) **module** used for converting data from a server to json data structure that is analogous to a dictionary in Python.

'this':value is one of key-value pairs in the **dweet json object**

logging module, tracks (disruptive) events that occur in a computer system:

- **logging.error()**, provides a will give you that nicely formatted ERROR message in addition to the Traceback and Stack.



```

def process_dweet(dweet):
    """Inspect the dweet and set LED state accordingly"""
    global last_led_state

    if not 'state' in dweet:
        return

    led_state = dweet['state']

    if led_state == last_led_state:
        return # LED is already in requested state.

    if led_state == 'on':
        led.on()
    elif led_state == 'blink':
        led.blink()
    else: # Off, including any unhandled state.
        led_state = 'off'
        led.off()

    if led_state != last_led_state:
        last_led_state = led_state
        logger.info('LED ' + led_state)

```

`json` (JavaScript Object Notation) `module` used for converting data from a server to json data structure that is analogous to a dictionary in Python.

- `'state':value` is one of key-value pairs in the `dweet json object`

`dweet['state']` can be initialized to 'on', 'off' or 'blink'

- `'state':value` is one of key-value pairs in the `dweet json object`
- `gpiozero module` is used to initialize the state-value.

`logging module`, tracks (disruptive) events that occur in a computer system:

- `logging.info()` records if the state of the LED works as intended.




```
def poll_dweets_forever(delay_secs=2):
    """Poll dweet.io for dweets about our thing."""
    while True:
        dweet = get_latest_dweet()
        if dweet is not None:
            process_dweet(dweet)

        sleep(delay_secs)
```

When a **dweet** is available, from the **get_latest_dweet()** it is handled by **process_dweet()**.

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We **sleep** for a default of 2 seconds before continuing with the while-loop

```
def print_instructions():
    """Print instructions to terminal."""
    print("LED Control URLs - Try them in your web browser:")
    print("  On      : " + URL + "/dweet/for/" + thing_name + "?state=on")
    print("  Off     : " + URL + "/dweet/for/" + thing_name + "?state=off")
    print("  Blink  : " + URL + "/dweet/for/" + thing_name + "?state=blink\n")
```

print_instructions() is responsible for printing the **dweet** URLs to the terminal.

```
def signal_handler(sig, frame):
    """Release resources and clean up as needed."""
    print('You pressed Control+C')
    led.off()
    sys.exit(0)
```

signal_handler(), is responsible for turning off the LED. **sys.exit(0)**, with argument-0 raises an exception i.e., "successful termination".



`resolve_thing_name()` is responsible for creating a unique dweet thing-name.

`init_led()` initializes the GPIO pin for the LED using `gpiozero` module

```
# Initialise Module
thing_name = resolve_thing_name(THING_NAME_FILE)
init_led()

# Main entry point
if __name__ == '__main__':
    signal.signal(signal.SIGINT, signal_handler) # Capture CTRL + C
    print_instructions()

    # Initialise LED from last dweet.
    last_dweet = get_latest_dweet()
    if (last_dweet):
        process_dweet(last_dweet)

    print('Waiting for dweets. Press Control+C to exit.')
    # Only use one of the following. See notes later in Chapter.
    # stream_dweets_forever() # Stream dweets real-time.
    poll_dweets_forever() # Get dweets by polling a URL on a schedule.
```

`signal` module, facilitates means through which a program can receive information (events from the Operating System and pass them to programs.

- For example, signal `SIGINT` is generated when we press the keystrokes Ctrl + C on our keyboard

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`print_instructions()` is responsible for printing the `dweet` URLs to the terminal.

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We start polling the dweet.io service to access the latest dweets using `poll_dweets_forever()`



Step-8:

- You should have completed your test runs
- You are still in `python-venv`
- `deactivate` your venv
- See example screenshot



```
pi@raspberrypi: ~/Desktop/Spring2023/LED_examples
File Edit Tabs Help
(venv) pi@raspberrypi:~/Desktop/Spring2023/LED_examples $ deactivate
pi@raspberrypi:~/Desktop/Spring2023/LED_examples $
pi@raspberrypi:~/Desktop/Spring2023/LED_examples $
pi@raspberrypi:~/Desktop/Spring2023/LED_examples $
pi@raspberrypi:~/Desktop/Spring2023/LED_examples $
pi@raspberrypi:~/Desktop/Spring2023/LED_examples $
```

`(venv) pi@raspberrypi:~$ /Desktop/Spring2024/dweet_LED_Example $ deactivate`

`pi@raspberrypi:~$ /Desktop/Spring2024/dweet_LED_Example $`



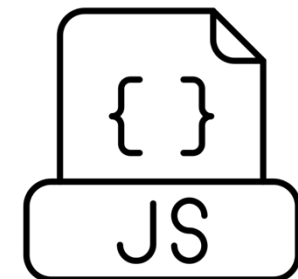
Congratulations!
You just completed running your first IoT program!

Midterm projects
- open discussions on how to proceed



Demo project: Create a Flask API for IoT Applications [Graded Lab Activity]

1. Python 3 with any IDE or terminal
2. Familiarity with flask API
3. Basic HTML with JavaScript
4. Familiarity with Plotly





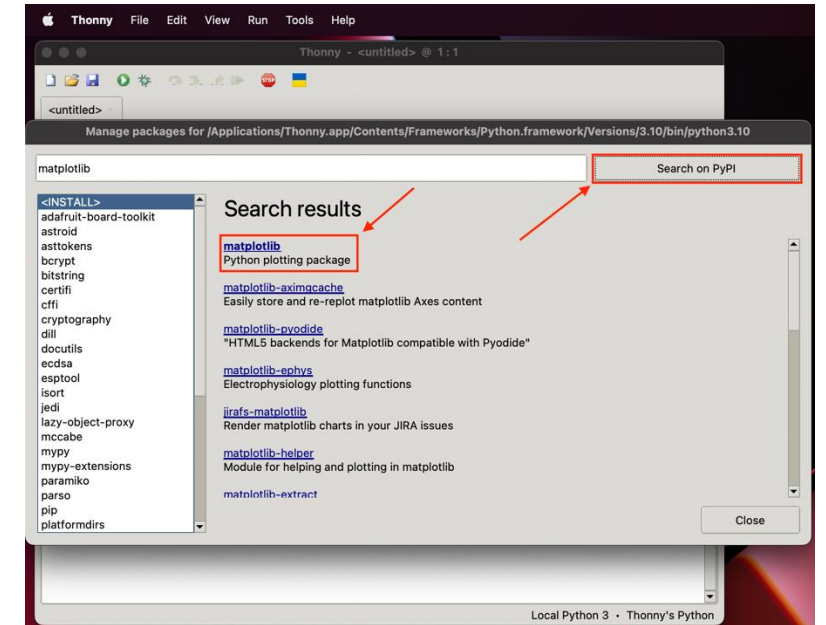
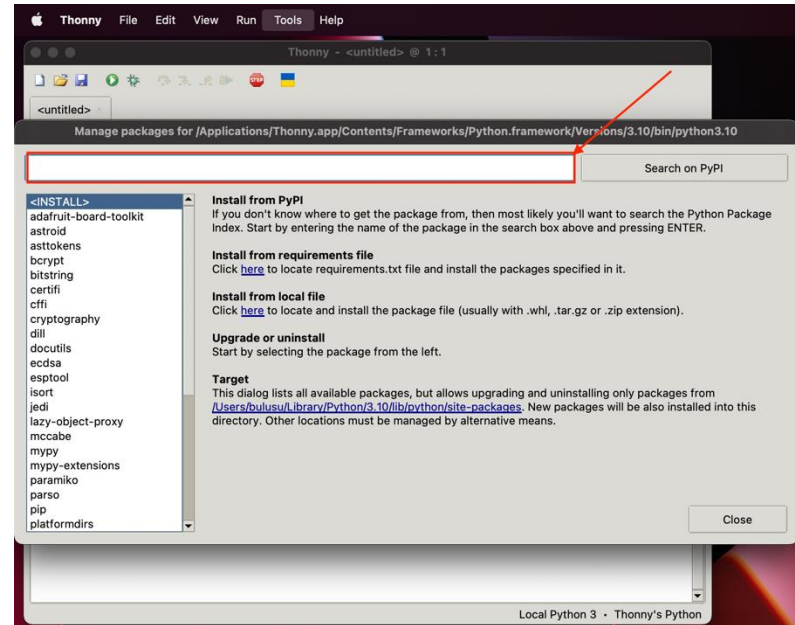
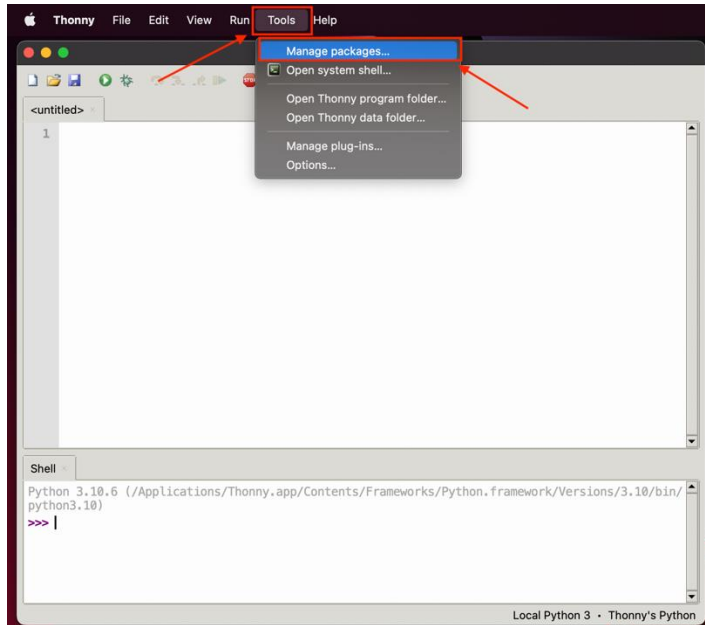
- **Flask** is a micro [web framework](#) written in [Python](#).
- **Components:**
 - **Werkzeug:** Utility library for Web Server Gateway Interface (WSGI) applications
 - **Jinja:** Template engine similar to Django that handles templates in a sandbox
 - **MarkupSafe:** String handling library
 - **ItsDangerous:** Safe data serialization library



- **Plotly** provides online graphing, analytics, and statistics tools
 - for individuals and collaboration,
 - as well as scientific graphing libraries for [Python](#), [R](#), [MATLAB](#), [Perl](#), [Julia](#), [Arduino](#), and [REST](#).
- **Open-source products:**
 - **Dash:** Open-source framework for building [web-based analytic applications](#).
 - **Chart Studio Cloud:** Free, online tool for interactive graphics
 - **Plotly.js data visualization JavaScript library** for creating graphs and powers Plotly.py for [Python](#), as well as Plotly.R for [R](#), [MATLAB](#), [Node.js](#), [Julia](#), and [Arduino](#) and a [REST](#) API



Installing packages in Thonny



Check or install the following libraries in Python 3.10.11:
(Note these are the bare minimum versions)

Flask 2.3.1
plotly 5.15.0
simplejson 3.19.1

pandas 2.0.2
numpy 1.24.2
matplotlib 3.7.1

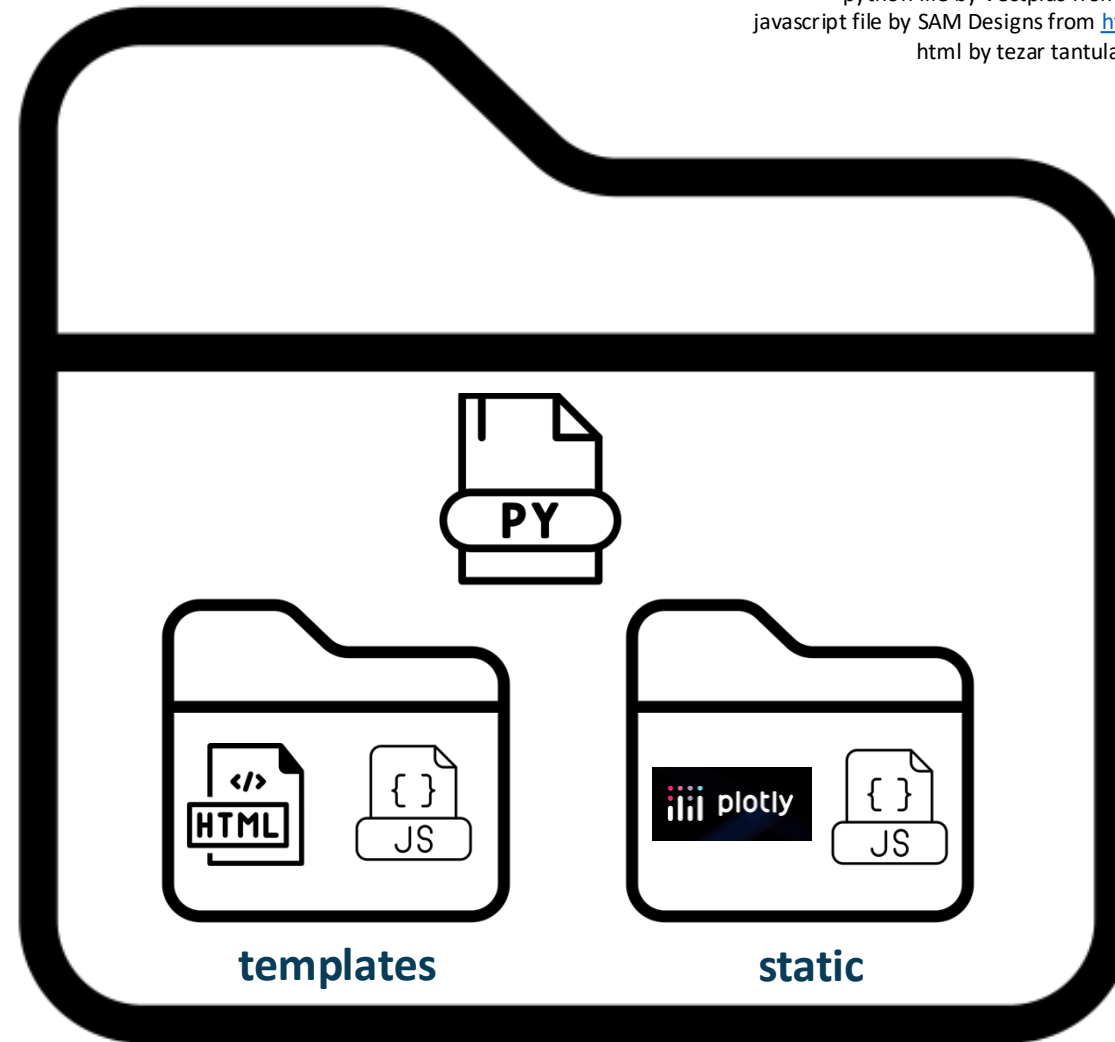
datetime 5.0
time 1.0.0

Alternative:

```
>>> pip install <package_name>
>>> # Or install using pip3
>>> # in your virtual environment
```



Essentials: Files and folders needed to create the intended APP



Source:

Folder by Colourcreatype from <https://thenounproject.com/browse/icons/term/folder/>
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html by tezar tantular from <https://thenounproject.com/browse/icons/term/html/>
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plotly>



Skeleton of the Python program for a flask-server on the Raspberry Pi

Step-1:
Initialize variables and setup Flask instance

```
from flask import Flask, request, render_template
from flask_restful import Resource, Api, reqparse, inputs
import pandas as pd
import json
import plotly
import plotly.subplots
import plotly.express as px
import random
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import time
import datetime
import logging
import thing_file
```

Import libraries that are relevant for interaction
with the Raspberry Pi hardware such as

flask,
json,
plotly and its derivatives
pandas
numpy
matplotlib etc.



Source:

<https://flask.palletsprojects.com/en/2.2.x/>



===== Initialize Logging =====

Global logging configuration

logging.basicConfig(level=logging.WARNING)

Logger for this module

logger = logging.getLogger('main')

Debugging for this file.

logger.setLevel(logging.INFO)

==== Flask & Flask-RESTful instance variables ====

Core Flask app.

app = Flask(__name__)

==== Flask & Flask-Restful Related Functions ====

@app.route applies to the core Flask instance (app).

Here we are serving a simple web page.

@app.route('/') + thing_file.thing_name)

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<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plotly>

Provides warning on any components that work within flask or other imported libraries

Reference:

<https://docs.python.org/3/howto/logging.html>

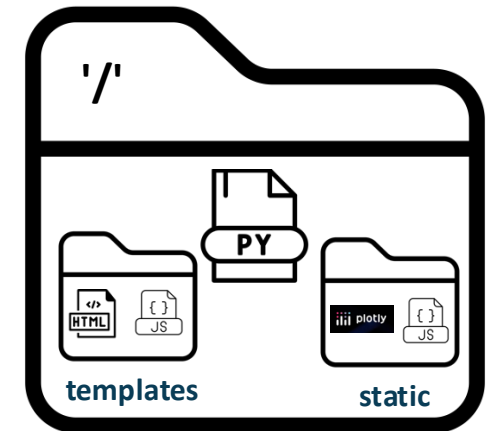
thing_file.py

Logging libraries and a few more are place in this custom library provided to you

Step-2:

Initialize variables and setup Flask instance

Initiate flask server-related variables and functions



```
def notdash():
    global data
    data = {
        'timeT': [],
        'Voltage': []
    }
```

} → Dictionary of empty lists that get appended with data

Create the graph with subplots

```
fig = plotly.tools.make_subplots(rows=1, cols=1, vertical_spacing=0.2)
fig['layout']['margin'] = {
    'l': 30, 'r': 10, 'b': 30, 't': 10
}

for i in range(20):
    data['Voltage'].append(random.randint(0, 100))
    data['timeT'].append(timeT)

fig.append_trace({
    'x': data['timeT'],
    'y': data['Voltage'],
    'mode': 'lines+markers',
    'type': 'scatter'
}, 1, 1)
```

```
graphJSON = json.dumps(fig, cls=plotly.utils.PlotlyJSONEncoder)
return render_template('notdash.html', graphJSON=graphJSON)
```

Step-3:
Create a function notdash() to return JSON-formatted data to an html frontend

} → Dictionary of figure layout that is transferred to the html frontend with plotly, JavaScript embedded in it

} → Loop to generate random data and plot it in a trace that is transferred to the html frontend with plotly, JavaScript embedded in it

} → json.dumps will convert a subset of Python objects into a json
render_template tells Flask to use an HTML template



Step-5

Create a function `notdash()` to return JSON-formatted data to an html frontend

```
if __name__ == '__main__':
```

```
# If you have debug=True and receive  
# the error "OSError: [Errno 8] Exec format error", then:  
# remove the execution bit on this file from a Terminal, ie:  
# chmod -x flask_api_server.py  
#  
# Flask GitHub Issue:  
# https://github.com/pallets/flask/issues/3189
```

```
app.run(host="0.0.0.0", debug=True)
```

Creates entry point into the program and executes `app.run()` in debug mode.

`debug=False:`
translates to developer mode

`app.run()` renders the webpage with data plots on a

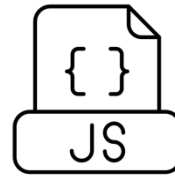
local host:
`127.0.0.1:5000`

Port:5000 is a default

The host address can be changed to the IP address of the server.



Skeleton of the the basic HTML code to display data from your flask-app



Sources:

<https://plotly.com>

API by Vectors Point from <https://thenounproject.com/browse/icons/term/api/>

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<https://towardsdatascience.com/web-visualization-with-plotly-and-flask-3660abf9c946>

```
<!doctype html>
```

```
<html>
```

```
<head>
```

```
<meta http-equiv="refresh" content="10">
```

```
</head>
```

```
<body>
```

```
<h1>Prof. Kartik Bulusu's sensor data</h1>
```

```
<div id='chart' class='chart'></div>
```

```
</body>
```

Will refresh the page
every 10 seconds

Webpage title etc

Location of
plotly-latest.min.js

```
<!-- <script src='https://cdn.plot.ly/plotly-latest.min.js'></script> -->
```

```
<script src='/static/plotly-latest.min.js'></script>
```

To download:
<https://plotly.com/javascript/getting-started/>

```
<script type='text/javascript'>
```

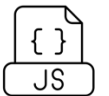
```
var graphs = {{graphJSON | safe}};
```

```
Plotly.plot('chart',graphs,{});
```

```
</script>
```

{{graphJSON | safe}}: Injects a variable that came from the
server directly in the JavaScript code.

Plotly.plot(): Creates a **line chart** drawn into
a <div> element on the page, with data from **graphs** with
layout provided by the server



```
</html>
```



HW on Ultrasound sensor due on 02/26/2025 (10 points)

git clone https://github.com/gwu-mae6291-iot/spring2025_codes.git

Goal-1

Set up a Python virtual environment
- “Sandbox” your Python project

Goal-2

Demonstrate your python script at boot
Using cron, the UNIX scheduler



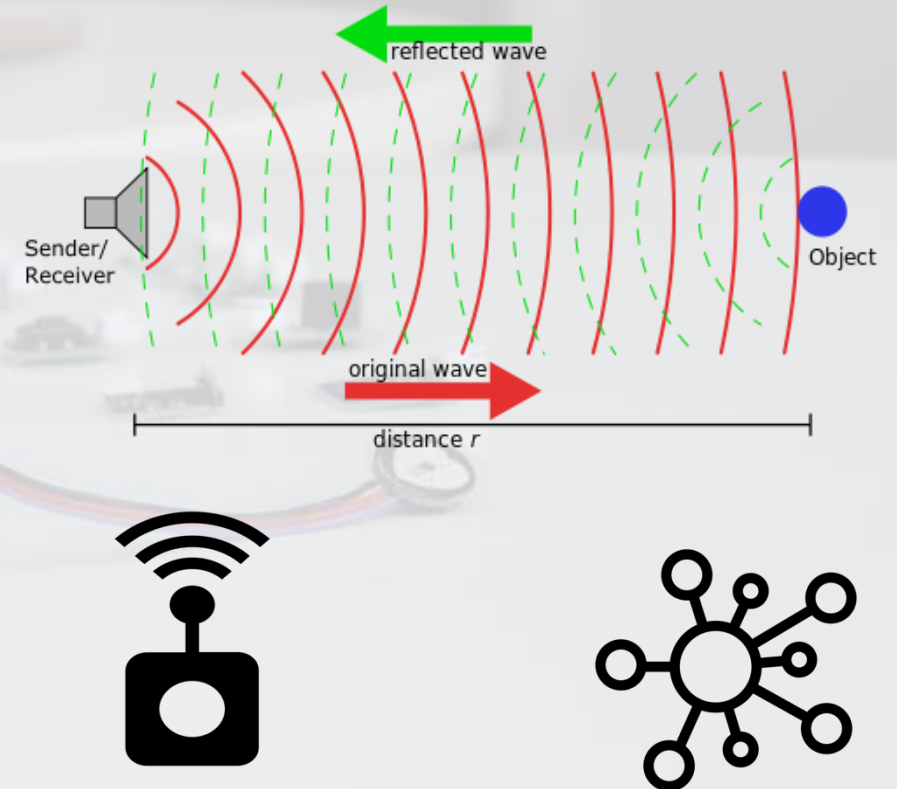
Ultrasound Signals and its Applications



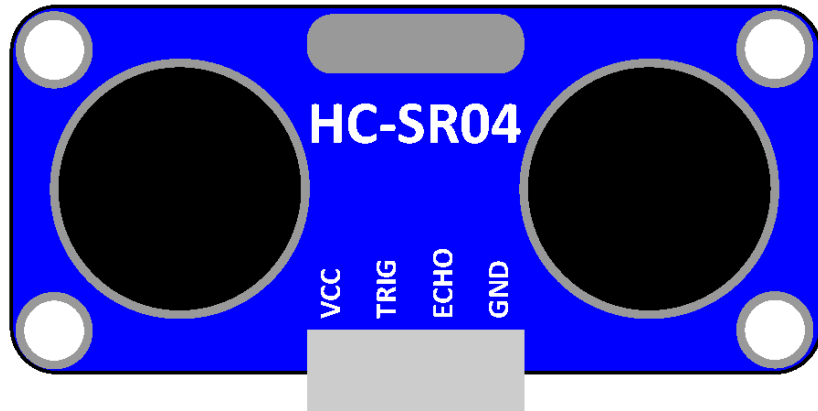
Source: <https://youtu.be/J-VVh5ezqGA?si=G9iu055uV3MinyUA>

$$\text{Distance traversed} = (\text{Speed of sound}) \times (\text{Time elapsed}/2)$$

Icon Sources:
sensor by Carolina Cani; sensor by Pham Duy Phuong Hung, sensor by Tippawan Sookruay, sensor by Lorenzo:
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fire sensor by LAFS: <https://thenounproject.com/browse/icons/term/fire-sensor/>
Ultrasound by Shocho: <https://thenounproject.com/browse/icons/term/ultrasound/>
Network by Solikin; Network by Tippawan: <https://thenounproject.com/browse/icons/term/network/>
application by Chaowalit Koetchuea: <https://thenounproject.com/browse/icons/term/application/>



Know your Ultrasonic Sensor



The Ultrasonic sensor sends out ultrasonic waves to detect objects and measure distances.

Connectors:

4-pin connector wires

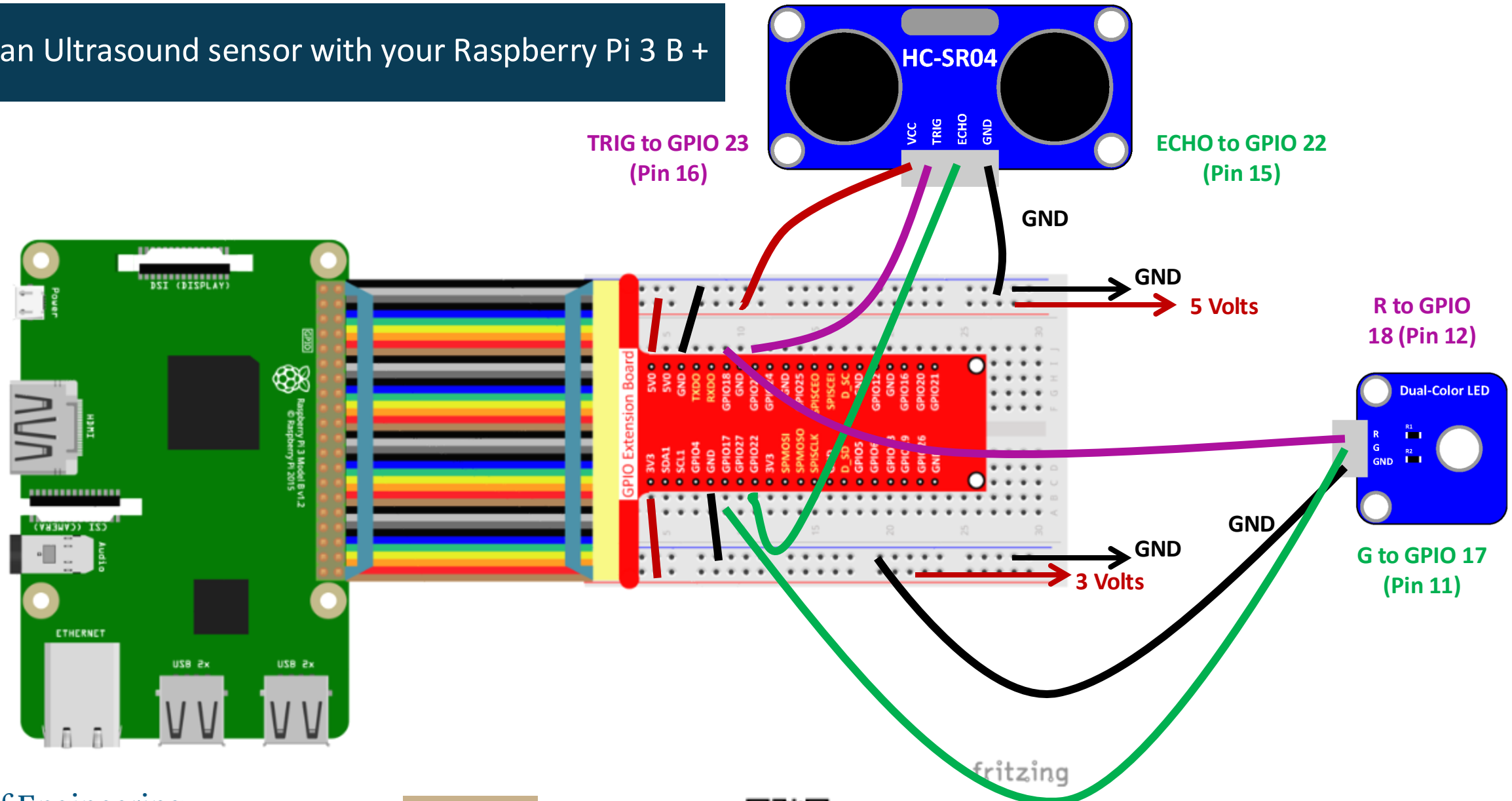
Or in some cases 5-pin connector wires

Goal of this HW segment:

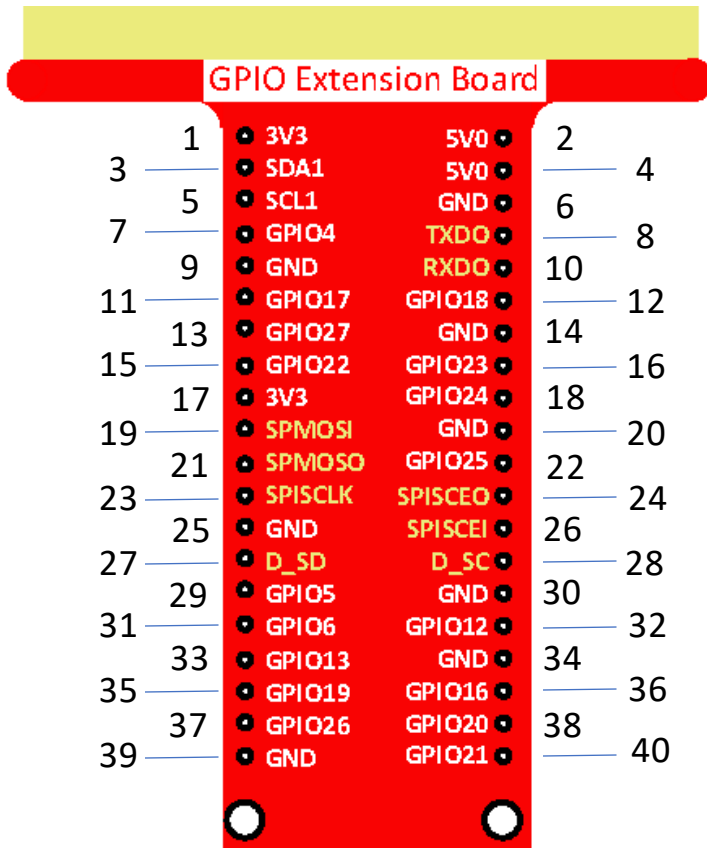
- **Co-work** (if you need to)
 - Observe, ask and try in groups
- **Make**
 - Build-a-hack
 - Ultrasound sensors and Raspberry Pi 4B boards
- **Analyze data using Python**



Start an Ultrasound sensor with your Raspberry Pi 3 B +



A simple python code to kick start your Raspberry Pi Model 3 B+ (RPi)



```
import RPi.GPIO as GPIO
import time
```

```
TRIG = 16
ECHO = 15
def setup():
    GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BOARD)
    GPIO.setup(TRIG, GPIO.OUT)
    GPIO.setup(ECHO, GPIO.IN)
```

```
def distance():
    GPIO.output(TRIG, 0)
    time.sleep(0.000002)
    GPIO.output(TRIG, 1)
    time.sleep(0.00001)
    GPIO.output(TRIG, 0)

    while GPIO.input(ECHO) == 0:
        time1 = time.time()

    while GPIO.input(ECHO) == 1:
        time2 = time.time()

    during = time2 - time1
    return (during / 2) * 340 * 100
```

```
def loop():
    while True:
        dist = distance()
        print(dist, 'cm')
        print('')
        time.sleep(0.1)
```

```
def destroy():
    GPIO.cleanup()
```

```
if __name__ == "__main__":
    setup()
    try:
        loop()
    except KeyboardInterrupt:
        destroy()
```

