A lesson of Physical Computing with Scratch: RPi, scratchClient and Arduino

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Weekendschool



- Generally parents tell their children: "Learn for later".
 But what is later?
- "I want to become an engineer. Do you maybe know an engineer? I would very much like to meet one"







Weekendschool

Goal and way of working

- Bridge the gap between school and what is needed to live in society
 - Which is in more privileged families provided by the family
- Don't abandon them at the end: Alumni program
- Data shows: alumni have better professional prospects, are more self-aware, and feel more connected with society.
- Program includes training in presentation, research, debate, and conflict resolution – an allround character education.

Classes provided

- Art
- Medicine
- Law
- Philosophy
- Astronomy
- Politics

Mathematics

Safety

Energy

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Journalism

... many more

- Physics
- **Programming**
- Film
- Architecture
- Entrepreneur
- Language & Poetry

Some numbers

- > 1000 students in 2016 between 10 and 14 years of age
- From disadvantaged neighbourhoods
- 3500+ volunteers
- Funded by 110+ sponsors (companies, individuals, foundations – not central government)
- Curriculum lasts for 2.5 to 3 years
- Over 2100 alumni
- Students are selected on motivation, not on IQ
- IMC Weekendschool was founded in 1998, Trudo Weekendschool in 2009
- IMC Weekendschool has inspired 30+ other independent copy projects in The Netherlands (one of which is the Trudo Weekendschool).

More information

- www.imcweekendschool.nl
- www.trudoweekendschool.nl





Curriculum of Programming

Objectives

- Learn how to use keyboard, mouse and screen without causing health problems.
- Learn how to make programs in Scratch
- Learn that programming is about more than changing pixels on a screen, so also do Physical Programming.
- Learn something about professional programming.
- Build something tangible that can be taken home.
- Let the children experience how powerful and joyful programming is.

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3 - 5 Weekendschool days

- Each is 2x 75 minutes with 30 minutes lunch break inbetween
- 3 days given to Weekendschool 2nd graders: 11 years old.
- 2 days given to Weekendschool 3rd graders: 12 years old.





The 3 lessons of the curriculum

Lesson 1 (day 1 and part of 2)



- Program a game in Scratch, output on monitor.
- 1 helper per 4 to 8 students.
- Max. 60 students per class.

Lesson 2 (part of day 2 and day 3)



- Physical computing controlled from Scratch.
- 1 helper per 4 students.
- Max. 60 students per class.

Lesson 3 (day 4 and 5)



- Program an Arduino Nano from RPi.
- Build the electronic circuit of a game to be able to take it home.
- 1 helper per 2 students.
- Max. 30 students per class.





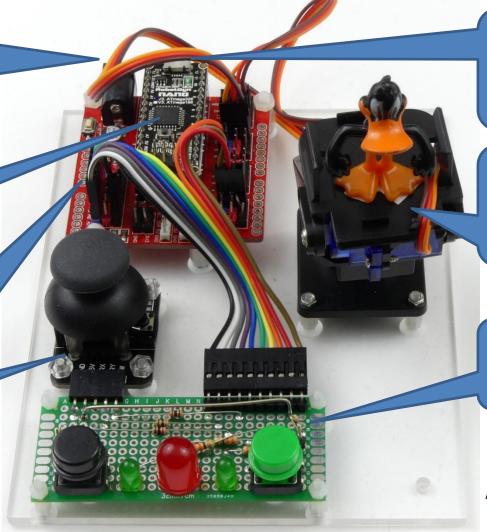
9 Volt power (power of Raspberry Pi is too limited, and cheap microUSB cables cannot transport high current)

Arduino Nano with 328p processor

Extension board
(handy connections with
3 pins per GPIO (VCC,
GND and signal) to
connect servos, power
regulator)

Joystick to demonstrate analog input

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USB connection to Raspberry Pi (optionally via a powered USB Hub)

Duck on a pan/tilt platform to demonstrate the use of servos

Buttons and LEDs to demonstrate digital input / output



The setup



Scratch 1.4 run time

Raspberry Pi 2B or 3B

Remote Sensor Protocol Over socket 42001 Global variables **Broadcasts**

Program in Scratch

Predefined sprites (with some code, sounds and costumes)

scratchClient

Config file

scratchClient

Powered USB

hub

(not strictly needed since Arduino is powered separately - used for protection of RPi)

scratchClient Sketch

Arduino Nano

Defines function of the GPIO pins on the Arduino (and RPi) and gives them logical names.



Programmed by the students

Prepared by the teacher

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The game

- Start the game by pressing the joy stick button (because it is there anyway)
- Red LED lites at random



- When LED lites, the first one pressing their button gets a point
 - The duck turns to the person scoring and makes a bow.
- When the button is pressed without the LED being lit, the other gets a point
 - The duck turns to the one who pressed and shakes "no".



Demo of the game

Have a look at

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q
o1gnXNzhqE





Why using an Arduino* for GPIO rather than the GPIO of Raspberry Pi?

- Arduino provides analog inputs.
- Arduino provides *hardware* PWM (Pulse Width Modulation), which makes controlling servos more stable.
- Arduino can support real time protocols (e.g. for controlling WS2812).
- Arduino GPIO pins are 5V tolerant.
- When making mistakes, blowing up an Arduino Nano is less costly (< 2.5 euro for a clone) than damaging a Raspberry Pi.
- When needing more GPIO pins, extra Arduinos can be added.
 - scratchClient supports this as beta.
- Easier setup and tear down in temporary classroom situations

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- Only needing to plug/unplug USB and power connectors.
- Can be programmed to steer servos automatically to default position, ready for packing up.

* Arduino Nano or Arduino Uno can be used





scratchClient: things to know

Installing

- Download scratchClient
 - http://heppg.de/ikg/wordpress/?page id=6
- Unpack
- Install other packages as described on the download page
- Adapt the config file for Arduino Uno (which is used for Nano as well)
 - NEW: A good UI is now available, so now very easy to do.
- Use the Arduino IDE to program the scratchClient sketch in the Arduino
 - Note: I have experienced problems when loading sketches via a USB hub. Works fine without.

Using

• Start scratchClient with the correct config file as parameter.

Help?

• Everything is described in the excellent documentation.





Cost and effort for the board

- See Bill of Material on the next slide.
- Material cost for a single piece: ca. **20 euro**, but you will get spare material for that amount.
- Material cost for a series for e.g. a school: can get **sub 20 euro**.
- Labour content (no compensation included in the cost): ca. 2.5 hour.
- Most components were ordered from Aliexpress.com.
 - Benefits
 - Extremely low prices.
 - Almost always shipped for free to The Netherlands, Germany and probably other EU countries.
 - Counterintuitive: the *smaller* the order, the more chance that there are no shipment costs.
 - Disadvantage
 - Never any data sheet and hardly ever precise specs.
 - So you will need to Google and find other sources. And sometimes just buy and try.
 - Delivery takes between 2 weeks and 2 months
 - Or arrives never (some 2% of shipments), but then refund is promptly provided.
 - Especially for power supplies: do not expect more than 50% of output current that is rated.
 - Otherwise it will overheat and blow up. Or the voltage drops way below what is needed.
 - · Occasionally products are quickly running out
 - So make sure you order quickly the amount you need and some spare for the future.

- Note: limit each order to max 22 euro (holds for all of the EU) if you want to avoid VAT, import duties and handling costs at the shipping company.
- Secure payment possible (at least in The Netherlands: you can use IDEAL).





BoM (Bill of Material)

What	Where	Cost (euro) Free @ dec 2016 shipm.	# To	Total cost Remarks	Link	
Pan / tilt platform	Aliexpress	0,37 Y	1	0,370	https://www.aliexpress.com/item/Hot-Sale-PT-Pan-Tilt-Pan-Tilt-Pan-Tilt-for-Aircraft-FPV-Dedicated-Nylon-PTZ-20g-for-9G/32318408962.html?spm=2114.01010208.3.17.emGyi4&ws_ab_test=searchweb0_0.searchweb201602_1_11	
SG90 servo	Aliexpress	1,12 Y	2		https://www.aliexpress.com/item/Free-Shipping-1PCS-LOT-SG90-9g-Mini-Micro-Servo-for-RC-250-450-Helicopter/32246798112.html?spm=2114.01010208.3.19.2QRJMh&ws_ab_test=searchweb0_0,searchweb20160.	
Duck	Aliexpress	0,23 Y	1	0,229 Sold per 40. Now sold out		
Arduino nano	Aliexpress	2,31 Y	1	2,310	https://www.aliexpress.com/item/Nano-CH340-ATmega328P-MicroUSB-Compatible-for-Arduino-Nano-V3-0/32572612009.html?spm=2114.13010608.0.0.4jDJta	
Nano expansion board	Aliexpress	1,51 Y	1	1,510	https://www.aliexpress.com/item/Freeshipping-NANO-and-UNO-multi-purpose-expansion-board-FOR-ARDUINO/1803703524.html?spm=2114.13010608.0.0.Yif9mN	
Joy stick	Aliexpress	0,47 Y	1	0,470	https://www.aliexpress.com/item/Free-Shipping-Higher-Quality-Dual-axis-XY-Joystick-Module-PS2-Joystick-Control-Lever-Sensor-for-arduino/32280675624.html?spm=2114.13010608.0.0.Ck5OOn	
9V power supply	Aliexpress	1,69 Y	1	1,690	https://www.aliexpress.com/item/ALLISHOP-9v-1a-dc-power-adapter-eu-5-5mm-2-1mm-interface-Power-Supply-100-240v/32774734258.html?spm=2114.01010208.3.1.3cR84l&ws_ab_test-searchweb0_0,searchweb20160.	
Buttons	Aliexpress	Y	2	0,380 price is for 10. Note 3.	https://www.aliexpress.com/item/New-10-x-Tactile-Push-Button-Switch-Momentary-6x6x4mm/32307209787.html?spm=2114.01010208.3.1.aeQg3i8ws_ab_test=searchweb0_0,searchweb201602_1_116_10065_117_10068_11	
Red LED 10 mm	Aliexpress	Y	1	0,930 price is for 10. Note 4.	https://www.aliexpress.com/item/10mm-Red-LED-Round-Light-Emitting-Diode-Transparent-Ultra-Bright-Lamp-Bead-Plug-in-DIY-Kit/32679401247.html?spm=2114.01010208.3.193.qG0sVG&ws_ab_test=searchweb0_0,sean_abstractions.	
Green LED 5 mm	Aliexpress	Y	2	0,570 price is for 10. Note 4.	https://www.aliexpress.com/item/5mm-LED-Emerald-Green-Diffused-Round-Light-Emitting-Diodes-Lamp-Bead-DIP-Plug-in-Through-Hole/32671838043.html?spm=2114.01010208.3.96.08nPPQ&ws_ab_test=searchweb0_{1}00000000000000000000000000000000000	
Right angle connector - 10 pins	Aliexpress	Y	1	0,890 price is for 10x40 pins	https://www.aliexpress.com/item/DSHA-New-Hot-10-Pcs-1-x-40-Pin-2-54mm-Pitch-Single-Row-Right-Angle/32701451750.html?spm=2114.01010208.3.1.BWkxA0&ws ab test=searchweb0_0.searchweb201602_1_116_1006_116_116_116_116_116_116_116_	
Dupont shell 10 pins	Aliexpress	Y	1	0,023 Note 1	https://www.aliexpress.com/item/100pcs-2-54mm-10P-Pitch-Dupont-Jumper-Wire-Cable-Housing-Female-Pin-Connector-Dupont-Plastic-Shell/32584850092.html?spm=2114.13010608.0.0.9DOqFf	
Dupont shell 6 pins	Aliexpress	Y	1	0,022 Note 1	https://www.aliexpress.com/item/50Pcs-2-54mm-6Pin-6P-Dupont-Connector-Dupont-Plastic-Shell-Plug-Dupont-Housing-Pin-Header/32325424414.html?spm=2114.13010608.0.0.9DOqFf	
Dupont shell 3 pins	Aliexpress	Y	1	0,018 Note 1	https://www.aliexpress.com/item/50Pcs-2-54mm-3pin-3P-Pitch-Dupont-Plastic-Shell-Head-Plug-Dupont-Housing-Pin-Header-Jumper/32451135789.html?spm=2114.13010608.0.0.S9zctl	
Dupont wire 10 cm F/F	Aliexpress	0,64 Y	1	0,640 only 1/4 needed	https://www.aliexpress.com/item/40pcs-lot-10cm-2-54mm-1pin-feMale-to-feMale-jumper-wire-Dupont-cable/32226515120.html?spm=2114.13010608.0.0.oxao9B	
USB cable microUSB 1 meter	Aliexpress	0,48 Y	1	0,480	https://www.aliexpress.com/item/New-1m-3FT-Micro-USB-Charger-Charging-Sync-Data-Cable-for-Samsung-Galaxy-S3-S4-S5/32579399998.html?spm=2114.13010608.0.0.t60522	
180 ohm resistor. 1/4 W	Aliexpress	Y	3	0,570 price is for 100.	https://www.aliexpress.com/item/Free-Shipping-100pcs-180-ohm-1-4W-180R-Metal-Film-Resistor-180ohm-0-25W-1-ROHS/32481576565.html?spm=2114.01010208.3.166.LP8VW4&ws_ab_test=searchweb20_sear	
1 kohm resistor. 1/4 W	Aliexpress	Y	3	0,570 price is for 100.	https://www.aliexpress.com/item/Free-Shipping-100pcs-1k-ohm-1-4W-1k-Metal-Film-Resistor-1kohm-0-25W-1-ROHS/32479506254.html?spm=2114.01010208.3.11.gEySCq&ws ab test-searchweb0_0.searchweb201602_1	
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spacers M3	Aliexpress	Y	8	0,970	https://www.aliexpress.com/item/Wholesale-25-pcs-set-Cheapest-Universal-Black-Nylon-Standoff-Spacer-M3-Male-x-M3-Female-6mm/32603041166.html?spm=2114.01010208.3.33.CmgCi9&ws.ab_test-searchweb0_0,searc	
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countersunk screws M2 x 5	Aliexpress	Y	8	1,500 price is for 100.	https://www.aliexpress.com/item/70pcs-M2-black-countersunk-head-machine-screws-Flat-head-machine-screw-mechanical-screw-ss8/32595913794.html?spm=2114.01010208.3.56.uwwGJE&ws ab test=searchweb0 0,se	
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The URLs are in the Excel file on github. See slide 16.

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What can scratchClient do?

- Control pins on Arduino Uno / Nano for Digital In, Digital Out, Analog In, PWM (Pulse Width Modulation).
 - NEW: Counter function (counting pulses from e.g. IR speed detector)
- As well control all the GPIO pins on Raspberry Pi.
 - NEW: Control Sonic Pi, Minecraft, MQTT, Scroll Phat HD, Micro Dot Phat, Lirc IR remote controls
- Allow peripherals be addressed by comprehensible names rather than pin numbers.
- Run on a Windows PC and in combination with Arduino provide physical computing to Scratch running on Windows.
- Monitor the hardware state from a browser, simulate hardware signals in the browser.
- Monitor hardware state of all workplaces from a central Windows PC.
- Allows to use predefined configurations for experiments, which makes setup in a classroom very easy.
 - Minimizing the trouble with I/O configuration.
- Keep apart multiple connected Arduinos and address the right GPIO pins on the correct Nano
 - So the number of connectable peripherals is virtually infinite.

→ My conclusion:

scratchClient is the ideal software to bring physical computing to Scratch!





Announcement ...

- Within a few weeks, scratchClient will also support Scratch 2
 - In addition to Scratch 1.4
- Scratch 2 runs via a browser on Windows PC or RPi
 - So not stand alone





Try for yourself?

- Attend my beginners workshop at 13.30 today or the advanced workshop at 16.00
 - You can there try it out for yourself (2 people per workplace setup)
 - Registration mandatory (with the Pi And More organisers)
 - Hurry up, because the amount of places is limited
- Workshop will be in English (presentation, material, support)
- There will be German spoken support in addition to English
 - Gerhard Hepp, author of scratchClient, will be present.

- You will learn how to configure scratchClient, control hardware from Scratch, build up a test board and if you want take a look at the game.
 - See the program flyer or ask me after the presentation for more information.





More information

- This presentation, source files of the game and workshop material
 - www.github.com and search for Weekendschool or for PiAndMore
- scratchClient
 - http://heppg.de/ikg/wordpress/?page_id=6
- Scratch
 - https://scratch.mit.edu/
- Scratch on Raspberry Pi
 - https://www.raspberrypi.org/forums/viewforum.php?f=77
- Raspberry Pi
 - https://www.raspberrypi.org/
- Arduino
 - <u>https://www.arduino.cc/</u>

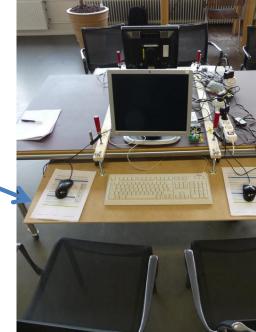




Making a workplace for 2 students

- Raspberry Pi 3B
 - With power supply
 - With 16 GB microSD card
- Second hand monitor HP1750 or HP1740
- · Second hand keyboard
- Second hand mice (2x)
 - so students can each use a mouse and can be instructed: learn to use your left hand for the mouse as well.
- MDF 9 mm board (better: 2x 4 mm with 12 mm filler in between)
 - See further the pictures
- For 2 workplaces opposite of each other: 2 laths, 4 clamps, 4 threaded rods M8, 4 nuts, 16 large washers, 12 butterfly nuts.
- 84 liter crates of RUB (Really Useful Boxes) can very precisely contain 4 monitors
 - 2 monitors dismounted from their pedestal
 - Can in addition hold mice and cables.
 - http://www.reallyusefulproducts.co.uk/

Ergonomics: keyboard at the correct height to teach children to pay attention to how they sit when using computers to avoid medical problems (RSI) later in life.





Questions?