

SCISSORS parse MESSAGES

Concept:

Individual ELEMENTS of a PACKAGED MESSAGE can be parsed (extracted) using SCISSORS. MESSAGES must be packed with GLUE. ELEMENTS are extracted by *index* and can be *accessed out of order*. To retrieve an ELEMENT, you must know its **index** and **type** (integers, floats or Strings). Versions of SCISSORS are available for Processing and Arduino.

Arduino SCISSORS is a LIBRARY and must be in the `~/Documents/Arduino/libraries` folder (OSX).

Processing SCISSORS is a CLASS, just drop it on your open sketch. You can find a copy of SCISSORS in `MPM503_code/utilityClasses/Scissors.pde`

Code:

Processing SCISSORS:



```
// import
// drop SCISSORS.pde onto SKETCH
// or SKETCH --> ADD FILE --> SCISSORS.pde

// declare
Scissors scissors;

setup() {
  scissors = new Scissors( STREAM ); // instantiate object

  // where STREAM is the name of the SERIAL port, name of
  // the CLIENT or name of the SERVER which is receiving
  // messages.
}

draw() {

  // poll the stream to see if anything has arrived

  if (scissors.update() > 0) {      // if new ELEMENTS

    float f = scissors.getFloat(2);
    int i = scissors.getInt(0);
    String s = scissors.getString(1);

  }

}
```

Arduino SCISSORS:



```
// import
#include <Scissors.h>

// declare
Scissors scissors;

setup() {
  scissors.begin(BAUD); // STREAM == SERIAL

  // must attach SCISSORS to a STREAM --> in ARDUINO
  // SCISSORS ALSO starts the STREAM. As STREAM == the
  // SERIAL PORT -- you set BAUD when you begin SCISSORS
}

loop() {

  // poll the stream to see if anything has arrived

  if (scissors.update() > 0) {      // if new ELEMENTS

    float f = scissors.getFloat(2);
    int i = scissors.getInt(0);
    String s = scissors.getString(1);

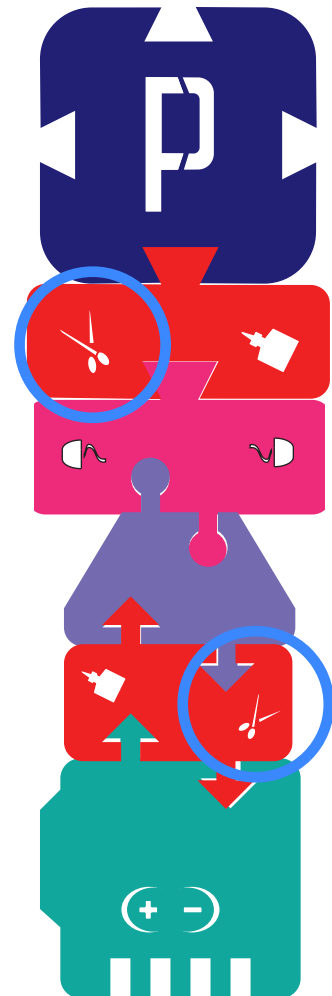
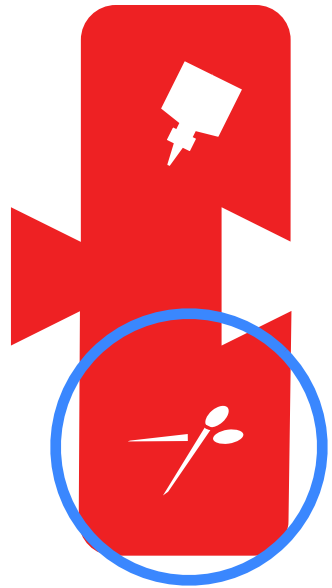
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Examples: