

Motor Speed Introduction

1. Copy your **motor_control_intro.py** file to **motor_control_speed_intro.py**
2. Create global speed variables.

```
14
15     left_speed = None
16     right_speed = None
17
18     def init():
```

3. Create PWM speed variables in the init() function. These must be flagged as globals (line 19)

```
17
18     def init():
19         global left_speed, right_speed
20
21         print("Initializing the GPIO ports supporting drive ops.")
22         #Configure GPIO settings
23         GPIO.setwarnings(False)
24         GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BOARD)
25
26         #set MC pins as output
27         GPIO.setup(L_IN1, GPIO.OUT, initial = False)
28         GPIO.setup(L_IN2, GPIO.OUT, initial = False)
29         GPIO.setup(R_IN1, GPIO.OUT, initial = False)
30         GPIO.setup(R_IN2, GPIO.OUT, initial = False)
31
32         # set enable pins as output
33         GPIO.setup(L_PWM, GPIO.OUT, initial = True)
34         GPIO.setup(R_PWM, GPIO.OUT, initial = True)
35
36         left_speed = GPIO.PWM(L_PWM, 50)
37         right_speed = GPIO.PWM(R_PWM, 50)
38         left_speed.start(0)
39         right_speed.start(0)
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```

4. Test the code by setting the speed value before calling a move.

```
92
93     #program starts here
94     init()
95     left_speed.ChangeDutyCycle(50)
96     right_speed.ChangeDutyCycle(50)
97     forward(1)
98     time.sleep(1)    #be kind to the drive -
99     backward(1)
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