

Laboratory: Sensor Development (Beta)

Objectives

LoPy architecture and development environment (Atom IDE)
Sensors and Actuators (LED)
Data acquisition (1-wire)
Building a weather station (temperature)

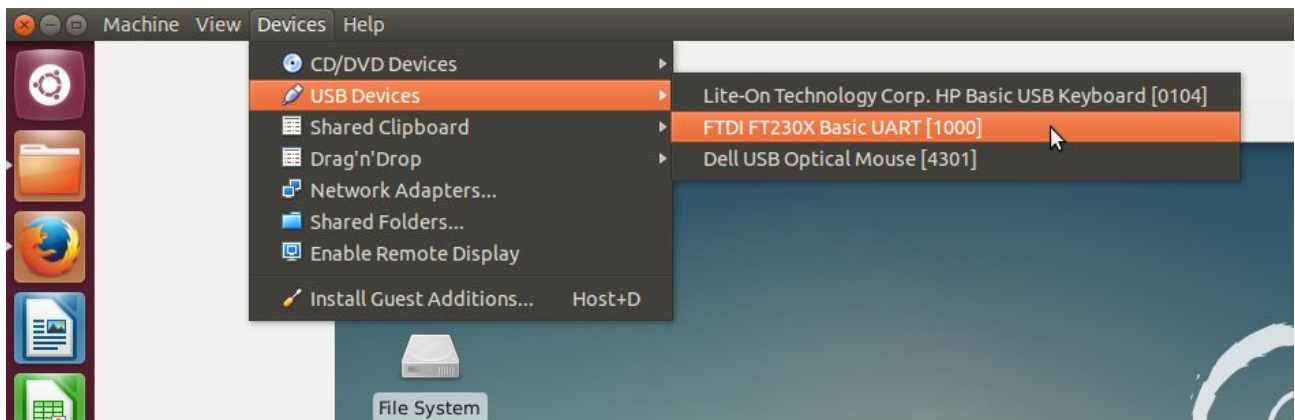
Configuration

VirtualBox should be running after login, but if it is not, find and execute it from the main menu. Then execute virtual image of debian operating system specially prepared for this course. To run, just click on Start button. When you reach login screen input credentials:

username: best
password: best

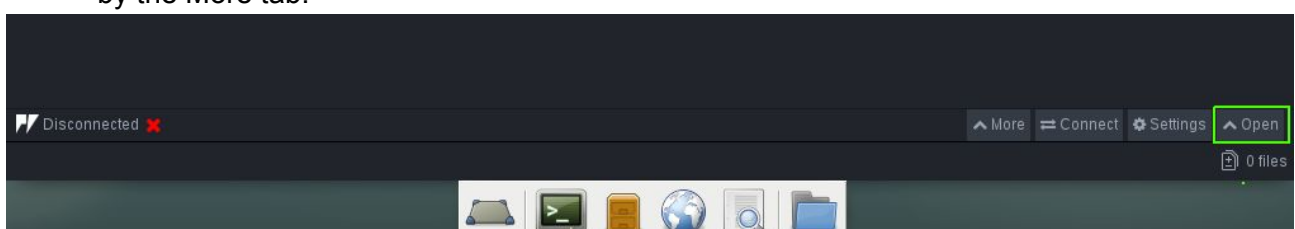
After logging into the VirtualBox image connect **Pycom** device, it is required giving permissions to VirtualBox to control USB devices connected to computer (Devices -> USB Devices -> FTDI FT230X Basic Uart)

Note: If you remove the USB Cable from computer you need to perform this step again.

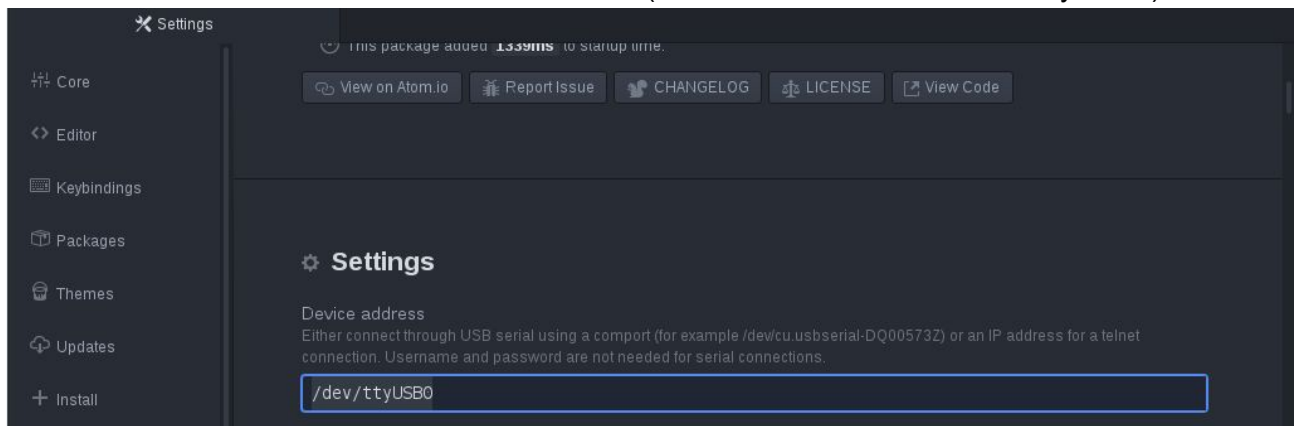


In order to communicate with a Pycom device via USB Serial, a few settings need to be configured. Below are the steps required to find, set and connect to a Pycom device over USB Serial.

- Ensure that the Pycom device is turned on and connected.
- Open Atom Editor located in the desktop.
- If the console is closed, click Open on the Pymakr Console located in the bottom, followed by the More tab.



- Next, click *Get serial ports*. This will copy the first serial port to the editor's clipboard.
- On the Pymakr Console Navigate to *Settings* -> *Global Settings*, scroll down and paste this address into the *Device Address* text field (should be this or similar: `/dev/ttyUSB0`)



- Click Connect



Tasks

1. Create a project that will contain all your files. Go to the top taskbar, File -> Add Project Folder and select the folder named "IoT-Sensors" located in your Desktop. The folder contains all necessary libraries for this laboratory.
2. Create a new file (File -> New file) and copy the code below. Try to understand the code because it will be used in future exercises. Save it (Ctrl + S) as **ex2.py** in the current folder. (lopy-lab1 located in your Desktop)

```
#import necessary libraries
import pycom
import time
```

```
#deactivates blinking LED present on the LoPy board
pycom.heartbeat(False)
```

```
#print Hello World in serial monitor
print("Hello world")
```

After writing and saving the code, there are 2 options to execute the code. You can save your file naming it main.py and use button **Sync**, which will upload all files in your project to the Pycom device. Or use button **Run** that will only execute current code, in which case the filename does not matter. **Do not forget to save file before Run or Sync.**



Note: When LoPy is booted it will try to execute main.py file, if not found in memory it will execute default behavior, which is blinking the LED.

Expected results (the LED on the LoPy device stops blinking):

```
>>> Running ex2.py
>>>
>>>
>>>
Hello world
>
MicroPython v1.8.6-237-g9d21f17 on 2016-12-15; LoPy with ESP32
Type "help()" for more information.
>>>
>>> █
```

3. You can reuse previous exercise code, but save with a different name, **ex3.py** Try to define different LED colors using **pycom.rgbled()**, as argument you should use an RGB color code in hexadecimal or decimal format (example colors: Red (0xFF0000), Green (0x00FF00), Blue (0x0000FF)). It is also possible to combine colors for example White (0xFFFFFF), Orange (0xFF4500). *To completely deactivate LED use Black color code (0x000000)*
4. In a microprocessor such as the LoPy it is possible to delay events.

Import library **time** and use commands such as **time.sleep(1)** to delay 1 second or **time.sleep_ms(100)** to delay 100 milliseconds, also use the **while** function with argument **true**, which will repeat an infinite number of times.

In this task write to the console “Best Aveiro” and 1 second after “Is awesome” in an infinite loop.

```
>>>
>>>
>>>
>>>
Best Aveiro
Is awesome
Best Aveiro
Is awesome
Best Aveiro
Is awesome
```

5. Using the knowledge obtained from the previous exercises, make the LoPy’s LED change from color BLUE to RED every 500 milliseconds.
6. The DS18B20 temperature sensor is a very popular 1-wire device, in this exercise we will teach you how to use the onewire module to read from such a device.

As in all 1-wire bus, you must power the sensor and connect a 4.7k Ohm resistor between the data pin and the power pin.

Use the breadboard and supplied wires to assemble your circuit according to the following

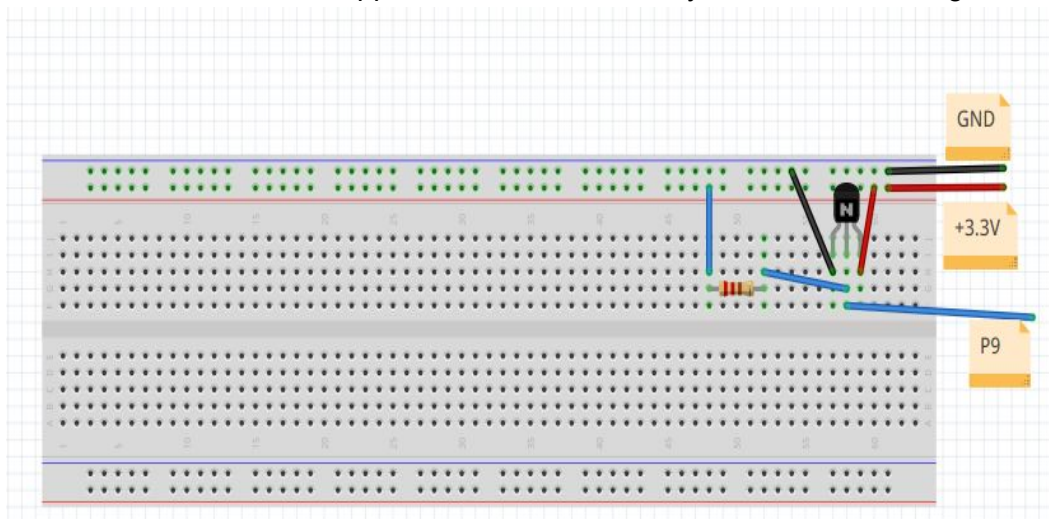
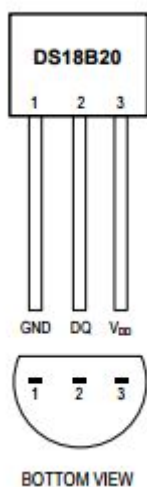


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After correctly assembling the circuit you need to program the LoPy.

You need to import the following libraries:

```
from machine import Pin
from onewire import DS18X20
from onewire import OneWire
```

Configure input pin as temperature reading pin:

```
ow = OneWire(Pin('P9'))
temp = DS18X20(ow)
```

You must execute the **temp.start_conversion()** function to initiate a temperature reading, then wait at least **750ms** before reading the value. In order to read use **temp.read_temp_async()**

This exercise require importing OneWire library, use **Sync** button to upload library to Pycom device.

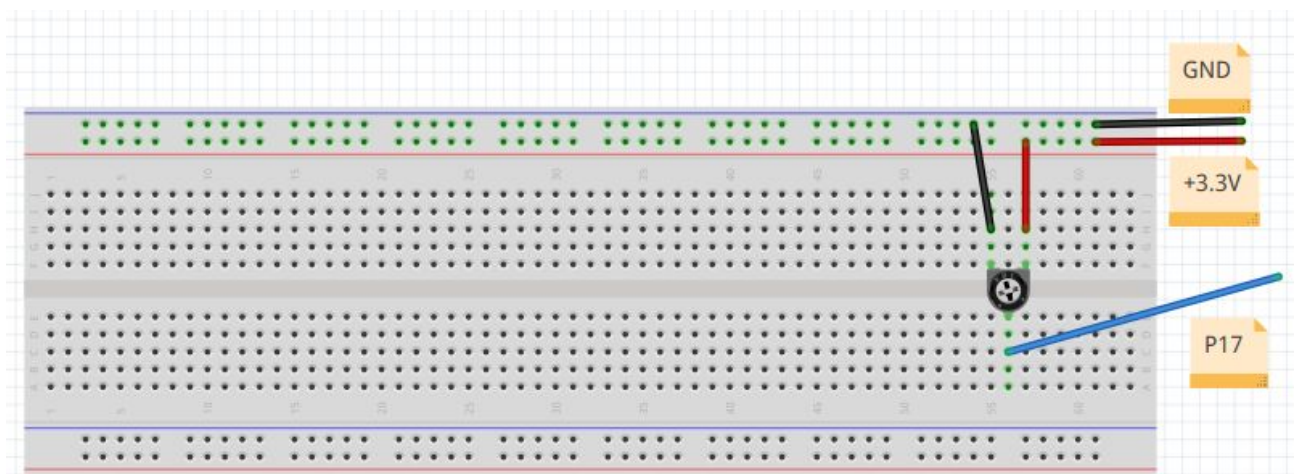
```
Temperature is 26.0 C
Temperature is 26.0 C
Temperature is 26.0625 C
Temperature is 26.375 C
Temperature is 27.125 C
Temperature is 27.5625 C
Temperature is 27.9375 C
Temperature is 28.5625 C
Temperature is 29.0 C
Temperature is 29.375 C
```

The task is to read and print the temperature value.

Extra task: Reading the value of a potentiometer using the ADC

Connect a potentiometer to P9 pin (we will use this pin to read voltage at the potentiometer). The reading can go from 0 to 1023 (10bit resolution).

Your task is to vary the LED intensity in the blue color. Low Blue (0x000001) - High Blue(0x0000FF) or from 1 to 255 in decimal.



Library to import:

```
from machine import ADC
```

Configure potentiometer as ADC device:

```
adc = ADC(0)
```

```
potentiometer = adc.channel(pin='P9')
```

Read potentiometer value:

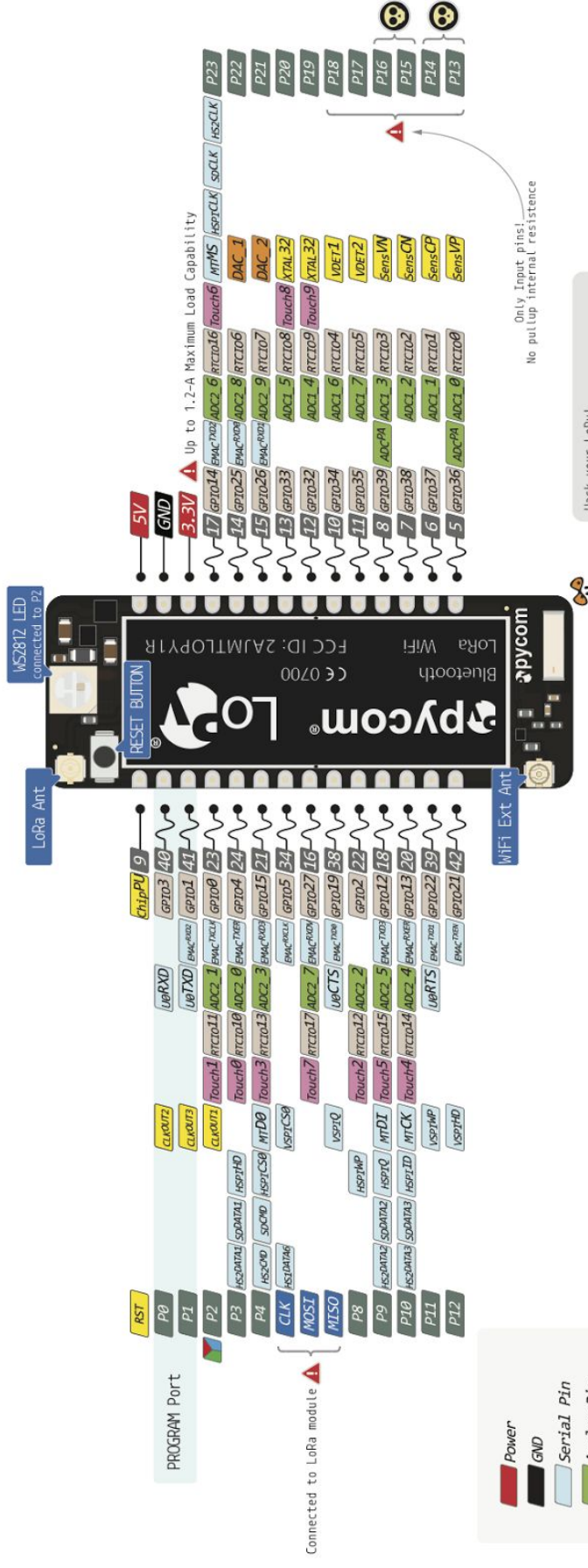
```
potentiometer.value()
```




Internal Functions

35	GPIO18	VS97CLK	VS1DATA7	Lora Reset
25	GPIO16	EMAC_CU02	U2RXD	External Antenna Switch
36	GPIO23	VS97TD	VS1STR06	Lora Interrupt
27	GPIO17	EMAC_CU01	U2TXD	Lora Select

! Absolute MAX per pin 12mA recommended 6mA



Only Input pins!
No pullup internal resistance

Hack your LoPy!

Connect to a 10nF capacitor to enable Touch Pin function

