

**Using Every, a non-blocking time thing. Alan Grover.**

# 1. Time

Or, walking and chewing gum at the same time.

“sequential” vs “asynchronous”

## **Wait. Periodic.**

“sequential” vs “asynchronous”

`time.sleep()`, `delay()`

"Blocking" means waiting, and stopping everything.

Non-blocking. Guess...

waiting without stopping everything.

## 2. Standard blink, twice

Blocking

Well...

What do we know about `time.sleep()`?

checkout out “visual programming”. NodeRed, Grasshopper, more....

### 3. How to blink

with Every, "is it time?"

“Non-blocking”, “polling”, “asynchronous”

```
pixel_one_delay = Every(0.5) # every 1/2 second, ...
```

```
pixel_two_delay = Every(1/3) # every 1/3 second, ...
```

each "if" is independent

## 4. Starting and finishing

**Every is repeating, periodic.**

heartbeat

**timer is non-repeating. Duration. “until”.**

Setup. .start(). if.

long\_on, short\_on

**tap**

## 5. Arbitrary Complexity: more stuff plus gravity

```
>>>
```

```
(control-c)
```

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground import cp
```

```
cp.acceleration.x
```

```
up-arrow
```

```
cp.<tab>
```

```
cp.acceleration.<tab>
```

```
each "if" is independent
```

## 6. Imagination and composition

There is no code here.

break it down

“cognitive load”

one action-reaction thing: potentiometer-servo

add another: tilt-color

each "if" is independent

python is slow vs "arduino" (c++)

circuitplayground has very little brain: "circuitpython" (cf. 70 lines!)

buttons, slide-switch, tilt, tap, shake, microphone, light, touch

<https://learn.adafruit.com/circuitpython-made-easy-on-circuit-playground-express>