To participate in this workshop, you will need:

- A. A computer that is running Apple Macintosh OS, or Windows OS (Operating System). The work can be done on a Linux machine, but I have no experience with this, so I cannot provide support. The software we will be using (the Mu editor) will not run on a Chromebook, or on smart phone or tablet. You need administrator privilege on your computer to install Mu. If you install it without sufficient privilege, it will start and then close immediately, every time.
- B. A CircuitPlayground Express, or CircuitPlayground Bluefruit, and a USB cable to connect the CircuitPlayground to your computer. https://www.adafruit.com/product/3333 https://www.adafruit.com/product/4333

Telepresence of Touch: Workshop 1: Local Device

- Download and install the Mu editor, from https://codewith.mu
- Run the Mu editor. It will complain that it can't find a CircuitPython Device. That's OK, we will connect one soon. Click OK.
- 3. Once running the Mu editor should look something like this:





4. Connect the CircuitPlayground device to your computer with a USB cable. CAUTION: Do not place the CircuitPlayground device in contact with the body of your computer. The exposed electrical connections on the CircuitPlayground could

make contact with the metal of the computer, which may damage the CircuitPlayground, or damage the computer.

If your computer asks if you want to set up a USB keyboard or mouse device, cancel that action.

5. Once the CircuitPlayground is connected, the Mu editor will display an alert that it has found the device:

Detected new Adafruit CircuitPython device.

- 6. Click on the Mode button, to see that the Mu editor is in Adafruit CircuitPython mode. Click OK to close. (If it is not in Adafruit CircuitPython mode, select that mode.)
- 7. Click on the Serial button. A Serial Dialogue Panel will open on the lower section of the Mu window, labelled <u>Adafruit CircuitPython REPL</u>. REPL is the Read, Evaluate, Print Loop. You can type individual commands in CircuitPython in this panel, and they will run on the CircuitPlayground device.
- 8. Click anywhere in the Serial Dialogue Panel to set the cursor in that panel.
- 9. Hold the ctrl key, and press the c key. We will call this ctrl-c from now on. Ctrl-c cancels whatever program is running. This is the same for Mac and Windows machines. *Do not use the Apple command key for this purpose.*
- 10. Press any key to enter the REPL mode. You will see a message like this, identifying which version of CircuitPython you are running, and what device you are running it on:

```
Adafruit CircuitPython 5.3.1 on 2020-07-13; Adafruit CircuitPlayground Express with samd21g18 >>>
```

- 11. Let's download and install the latest version of CircuitPython. Go to: https://circuitpython.org/downloads
- 12. From the menu, select the device you are using to get the CircuitPython UF2 file that will run on your device. In this case, select either CircuitPlayground Express, or CircuitPlayground Bluefruit. UF2 is a USB Flashing Format file, abbreviated UFF, or "U F squared", written and generally pronounced as UF2.
- 13. Click on the DOWNLOAD .UF2 NOW button.
- 14. Locate the downloaded .uf2 file on your computer, probably in your Downloads folder.

- 15. Find the Reset button on the center of the CircuitPlayground. Press it twice, in a double-click type of timing. It's a bit sensitive to timing, so you may have to try more than once. When you are successful, all 10 lights will show green. PHOTO TBD
- 16. On your computer, there should be an external hard drive called CPLAYBOOT. Copy the .uf2 file, downloaded in step 13, to the CPLAYBOOT drive.

 The CPLAYBOOT drive will eject itself, to be replaced by a CIRCUITPY drive.
- 17. Click on the Serial button to close the Serial Dialogue Panel, which is now showing stale data from the previous connection. Click on the Serial button again to reopen the panel, connected to the updated CircuitPython device.
- 18. Click the Save button. Save the file with the name **code.py** onto the CIRCUITPY device. (To access the Save As function, you must double click on the file tab. This process is not documented. If you save your code to your computer, it will not run on your CircuitPlayground, so you must double-click the filename, and Save As, selecting the CIRCUITPY drive.)
- 19. In the code area, where it says, # Write your code here :-), write the following code:

```
print(8)
```

- 20. Then click the Save button to save the code and run it on the CircuitPlayground.
- 21. You should see this message appear in the Serial Dialogue Panel:

```
code.py output:
8
```

22. Change the message to something else, to prove that you can. If you want to print characters instead of numbers, you must use quotation marks.

```
print( "hello" )
```

23. Let's program the device to print two things, with a time delay in between the two print statements.

```
import time
print( "hello" )
time.sleep( 0.5 )
print( "Paul" )
```

24. Let's make a program that prints those two things over and over and over as long as the CircuitPlayground has power.

import time

```
while True:
print( "hello" )
time.sleep( 0.5 )
print( "Paul" )
```

- 25. Python programs are Spaceholder Character Sensitive. To indent the three lines, I selected them all, and then pressed the Tab key. *To unindent, select some lines and press Shift-Tab.*
- 26. Cancel the program by clicking in the Serial Dialogue Panel, then press ctrl-c. Restart the program by pressing ctrl-d (which I think of as "decancel").
- 27. Programming: Libraries: Libraries are codes other people have written for you. The libraries we will be using are included as part of the CircuitPython code, but you still must import them into your program. Other libraries, for many uses, must be downloaded, and placed in a folder named **lib** on the CIRCUITPY drive.
- 28. Programming: Conditionals: Evaluate a condition and react. If True, do this. If False, do this other thing.

while creates a repeated action. while this condition is true, continue to do this thing over and over. when the condition is false, go on to the rest of the program.

if creates a single action. *if this condition is true, do this thing. if false, don't do it.* **else** creates a single action, when the if condition is false.

29. Blink an indicator light.

```
import time
  from adafruit_circuitplayground import cp
4 cp.pixels.brightness = 0.6
   light_color = ( 255, 0, 0 ) #( red, green, blue ) each 0-255
   OFF = (0, 0, 0)
6
7
8
  while True:
9
       cp.pixels[ 1 ] = light_color
       time.sleep( 0.5 )
10
       cp.pixels[ 1 ] = OFF
11
12
       time.sleep( 0.5 )
```

- 30. Save point codes can be found here, listed by the step number in these instructions: <a href="https://github.com/paulmirel/telepresence_of_touch/tree/master/circuit-playground/telepresenc
- 31. Sense touch, show a local indicator.

```
import time
2
   from adafruit_circuitplayground import cp
3
4
    cp.pixels.brightness = 0.6
5
   light_color = ( 255, 0, 0 ) #( red, green, blue ) each 0-255
6
    OFF = (0, 0, 0)
7
8
   while True:
9
        if cp.touch_A4:
10
           cp.pixels[ 1 ] = light_color
11
        else:
12
            cp.pixels[ 1 ] = OFF
13
        time.sleep( 0.1 )
```

32. Sense touch, show a local indicator, and send a report.

```
1
    import time
2
    from adafruit_circuitplayground import cp
3
4
    cp.pixels.brightness = 0.6
    light_color = ( 255, 0, 0 ) #( red, green, blue ) each 0-255
5
6
    OFF = (0, 0, 0)
7
8
    while True:
9
        if cp.touch_A4:
10
            cp.pixels[ 1 ] = light_color
            print( "01" )
11
                                         #quadrant 0, touched
        else:
12
13
            cp.pixels[ 1 ] = OFF
14
            print( "00" )
                                         #quadrant 0, not touched
15
        time.sleep( 0.1 )
```

33. Receive input.

```
1 value = input()
2 print( value )
```

34. Receive input, verbose echo.

```
1 value = input()
2 print("Received: {}".format(value))
```

35. Receive input, light a telepresent touch indicator.

```
import time
2
   from adafruit_circuitplayground import cp
3
4 cp.pixels.brightness = 0.6
   light_color = ( 255, 0, 0 )
5
   OFF = (0, 0, 0)
6
7
8
   while True:
9
       value = input().strip()
       # Sometimes Windows sends an extra (or missing) newline
10
       # strip them off the input to ignore them
11
        print("Received: {}".format(value))
12
        if value == "01":
13
14
            cp.pixels[ 0 ] = light_color
15
        if value == "00":
16
            cp.pixels[ 0 ] = OFF
        time.sleep( 0.1 ) #pause to be able to hear a ctrl-c
17
```

36. Check for input. Don't wait if there isn't any input.

```
import time
   import supervisor
2
   from adafruit circuitplayground import cp
3
4
5
  cp.pixels.brightness = 0.6
   light_color = ( 255, 0, 0 )
6
   OFF = (0, 0, 0)
7
8
9
   while True:
10
        if supervisor.runtime.serial_bytes_available:
            value = input().strip()
11
            # Sometimes Windows sends an extra (or missing) newline
12
            # strip them off the input to ignore them
13
            print("Received: {}".format(value))
14
15
            if value == "01":
16
                cp.pixels[ 0 ] = light_color
            if value == "00":
17
18
                cp.pixels[ 0 ] = OFF
        time.sleep( 0.1 ) #pause to be able to hear a ctrl-c
19
```

37. Full duplex: sense, indicate, report local touch AND indicate telepresent touch. *Lines 1-8 do not change and are not shown.*

```
9
    while True:
10
        if cp.touch_A4:
11
            cp.pixels[ 1 ] = light_color
12
            print( "01" )
13
        else:
14
            cp.pixels[ 1 ] = OFF
15
            print( "00" )
16
17
        if supervisor.runtime.serial_bytes_available:
            value = input().strip()
18
            # Sometimes Windows sends an extra (or missing) newline
19
20
            # strip them off the input to ignore them
21
            print("Received: {}".format(value))
            if value == "01":
22
23
                cp.pixels[ 0 ] = light_color
24
            if value == "00":
25
                cp.pixels[ 0 ] = OFF
26
        time.sleep( 0.1 ) #pause to be able to hear a ctrl-c
```

38. Report change only.

```
LastTouched = [False, False, False, False] # 4 entries for 4 quadrants
10
11 while True:
12
        if cp.touch_A4:
           if not LastTouched[ 0 ]: # if the touch is different than it last was.
13
                cp.pixels[ 1 ] = light_color
14
15
                print( "01" )
16
               LastTouched[ 0 ] = True # touch detected, remember that
17
        elif LastTouched[ 0 ]:
18
           cp.pixels[ 1 ] = OFF
           print( "00" )
19
           LastTouched[ 0 ] = False # no touch detected, remember that.
20
21
```

39. All four quadrants. Done.

Code follows on pages 9 and 10

```
import time
   import supervisor
3 from adafruit_circuitplayground import cp
5 cp.pixels.brightness = 0.6
6
   light_color = ( 255, 0, 0 )
7
   OFF = (0, 0, 0)
8
9
   LastTouched = [False, False, False, False] # 4 entries for 4 quadrants
10
   while True:
11
12
        # Quandrant 0 local
13
        if cp.touch_A4:
14
            if not LastTouched[ 0 ]: # if the touch is different than it last was.
15
                cp.pixels[ 1 ] = light_color
16
                print( "01" )
                LastTouched[ 0 ] = True # touch detected, remember that
17
18
        elif LastTouched[ 0 ]:
19
            cp.pixels[ 1 ] = OFF
20
            print( "00" )
21
            LastTouched[ 0 ] = False # no touch detected, remember that.
22
        # Quandrant 1 local
23
        if cp.touch A6:
24
            if not LastTouched[ 1 ]: # if the touch is different than it last was.
25
26
                cp.pixels[ 3 ] = light_color
27
                print( "11" )
28
                LastTouched[ 1 ] = True # touch detected, remember that
29
        elif LastTouched[ 1 ]:
30
            cp.pixels[ 3 ] = OFF
31
            print( "10" )
            LastTouched[ 1 ] = False # no touch detected, remember that.
32
33
        # Quandrant 2 local
34
35
        if cp.touch_A1:
            if not LastTouched[ 2 ]: # if the touch is different than it last was.
36
37
                cp.pixels[ 6 ] = light_color
38
                print( "21" )
39
                LastTouched[ 2 ] = True # touch detected, remember that
        elif LastTouched[ 2 ]:
40
41
            cp.pixels[6] = OFF
42
            print( "20" )
43
            LastTouched[ 2 ] = False # no touch detected, remember that.
44
        # Quandrant 3 local
45
46
        if cp.touch_A3:
            if not LastTouched[ 3 ]: # if the touch is different than it last was.
47
48
                cp.pixels[ 8 ] = light_color
49
                print( "31" )
50
                LastTouched[ 3 ] = True # touch detected, remember that
51
        elif LastTouched[ 3 ]:
52
            cp.pixels[ 8 ] = OFF
            print( "30" )
53
54
            LastTouched[ 3 ] = False # no touch detected, remember that.
55
```

```
56
        # telepresence check
57
        if supervisor.runtime.serial_bytes_available:
58
            value = input().strip()
59
            # Sometimes Windows sends an extra (or missing) newline
60
            # strip them off the input to ignore them
            print("Received: {}".format(value))
61
62
63
        # Quandrant 0 telepresent
            if value == "01":
64
65
                cp.pixels[ 0 ] = light_color
            if value == "00":
66
67
                cp.pixels[ 0 ] = OFF
68
69
        # Quandrant 1 telepresent
70
            if value == "11":
71
                cp.pixels[ 4 ] = light_color
72
            if value == "10":
73
                cp.pixels[ 4 ] = OFF
74
75
        # Quandrant 2 telepresent
76
            if value == "21":
77
                cp.pixels[ 5 ] = light_color
78
            if value == "20":
79
                cp.pixels[ 5 ] = OFF
80
81
        # Ouandrant 3 telepresent
82
            if value == "31":
83
                cp.pixels[ 9 ] = light_color
            if value == "30":
84
85
                cp.pixels[ 9 ] = OFF
86
87
        time.sleep( 0.1 ) #pause to be able to hear a ctrl-c
```