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Session Overview

PART 1. Physical Sense HAT setup

PART 2. Programming the Sense HAT

PART 3. Internet of Things (IoT) and ThingSpeak



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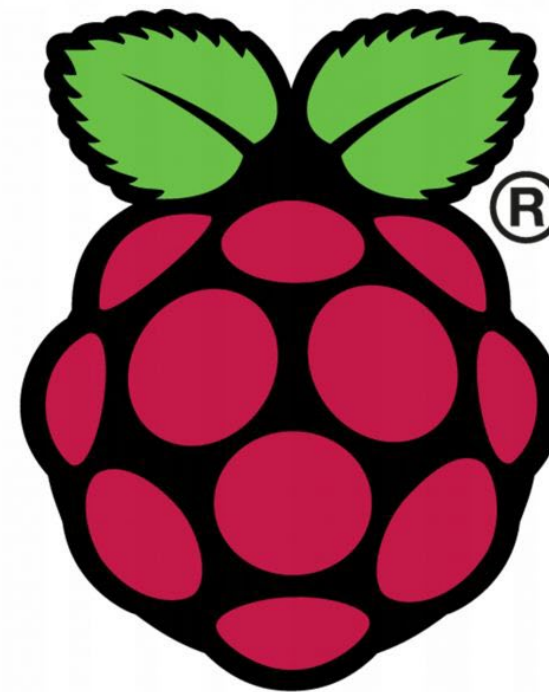
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PART 1

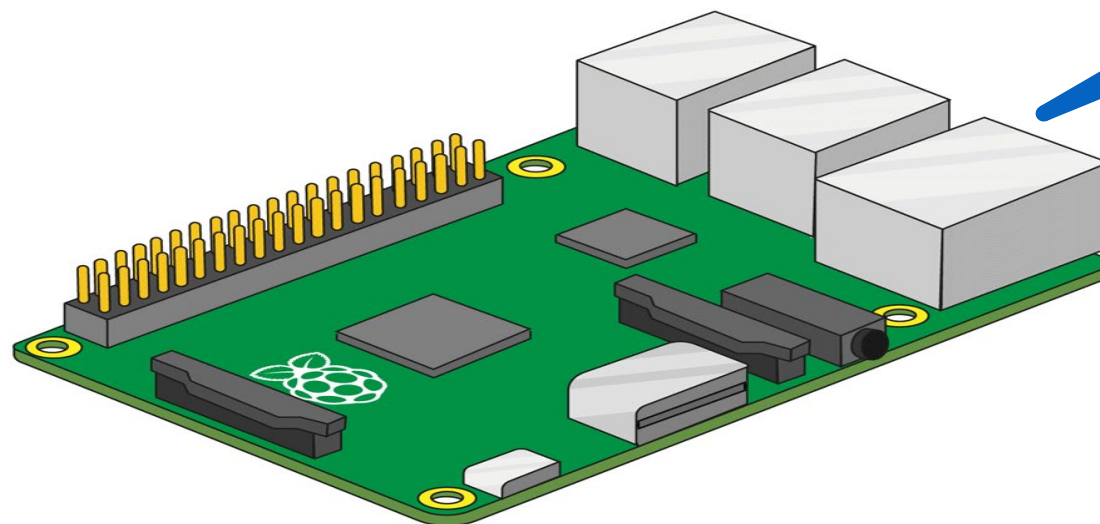
Sense HAT Setup



Raspberry Pi



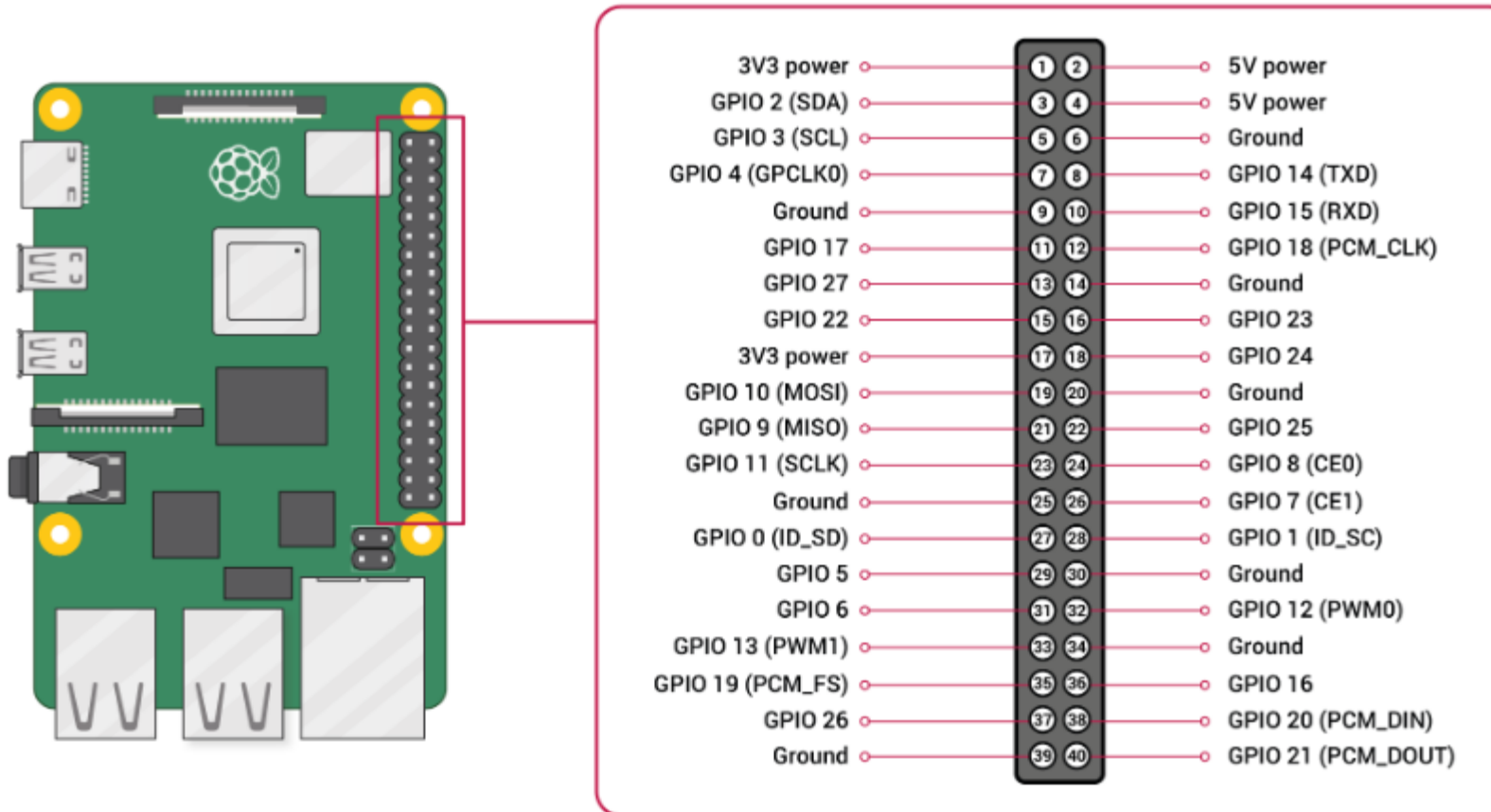
Attaching the Sense Hat



Turn off
RPi first !



GPIO and the 40-pin header



Any of the GPIO pins can be designated (in software) as an input or output pin and used for a wide range of purposes



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PART 2

Programming the Sense HAT



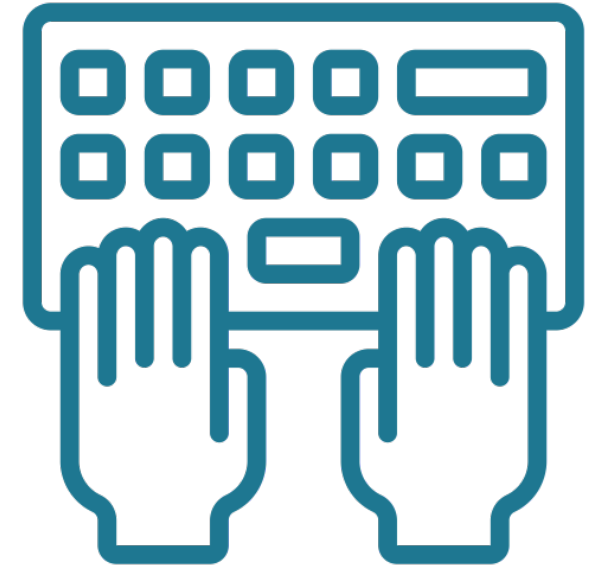
Programming Activity

Task:

Make one of the emulator programs you worked on before the break work on the physical sense HAT

Code Along:

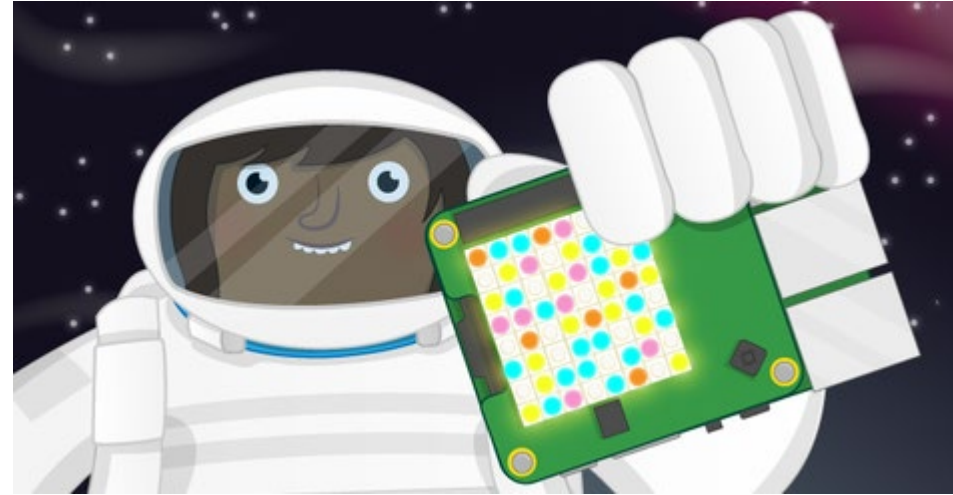
- Open one of the programs you were working on earlier
- Make a copy of the line: `from sense_emu import SenseHat`
- Comment out the line: `#from sense_emu import SenseHat`
- Change the copied line: `sense_emu` → `sense_hat`
- Program to animate a pixel so that it appears to be moving around the 8x8 LED



Programming Activity

Challenge

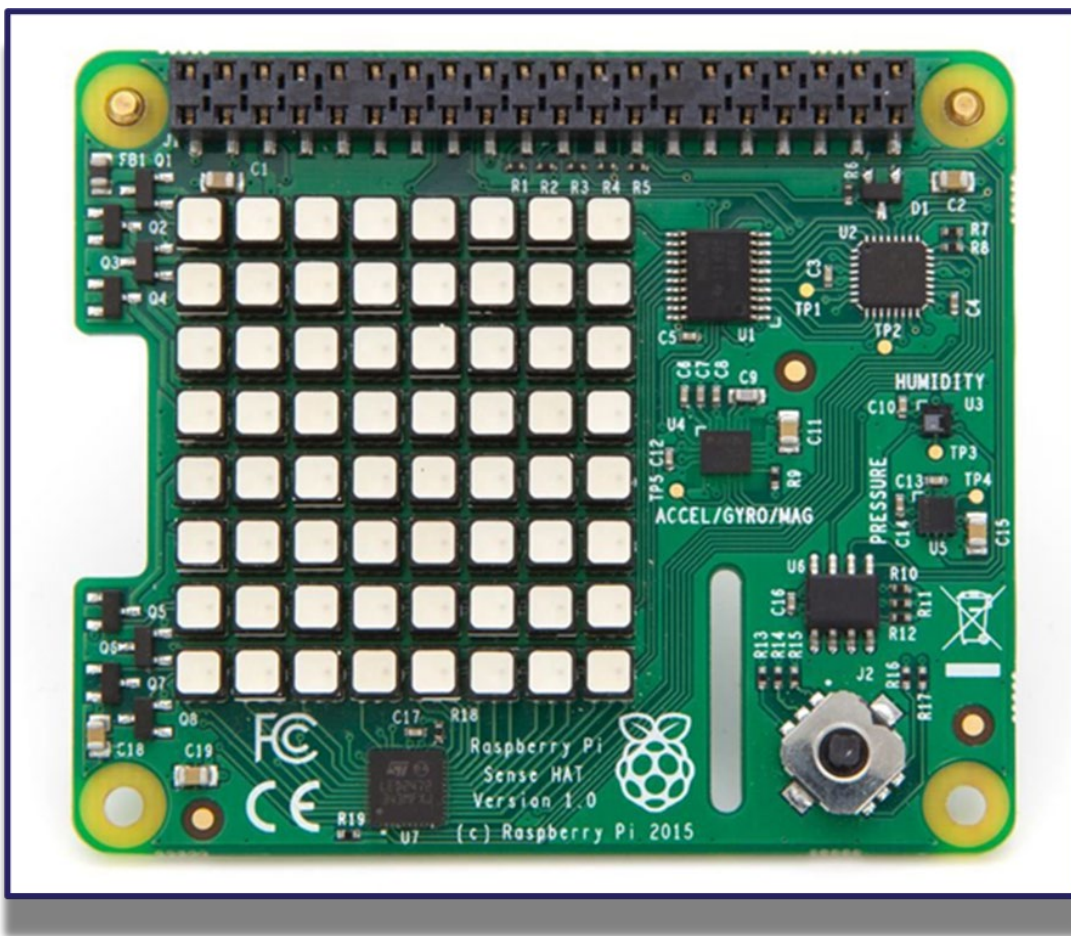
Sparkling LED: Animate the LED so that it appears to sparkle!



<https://projects.raspberrypi.org/en/projects/sense-hat-random-sparkles>



Built in Sensors



- Temperature sensor
- Humidity sensor
- Pressure sensor
- Accelerometer
- Gyroscope
- Magnetometer
- Light sensor



Activity – Collecting Sensor Data




```
temperature = sense.get_temperature()
```

Sense HAT API Reference



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 Sense HAT

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API Reference

- Sense HAT API Reference
- LED Matrix
- Environmental sensors
- IMU Sensor
- Joystick

Changelog

Docs » API Reference

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Sense HAT API Reference

LED Matrix

set_rotation

If you're using the Pi upside down or sideways you can use this function to correct the orientation of the image being shown.

Parameter	Type	Valid values	Explanation
<code>r</code>	Integer	<code>0</code> <code>90</code> <code>180</code> <code>270</code>	The angle to rotate the LED matrix though. <code>0</code> is with the Raspberry Pi HDMI port facing downwards.
<code>redraw</code>	Boolean	<code>True</code> <code>False</code>	Whether or not to redraw what is already being displayed on the LED matrix. Defaults to <code>True</code>

Returned type	Explanation
None	

```
from sense_hat import SenseHat

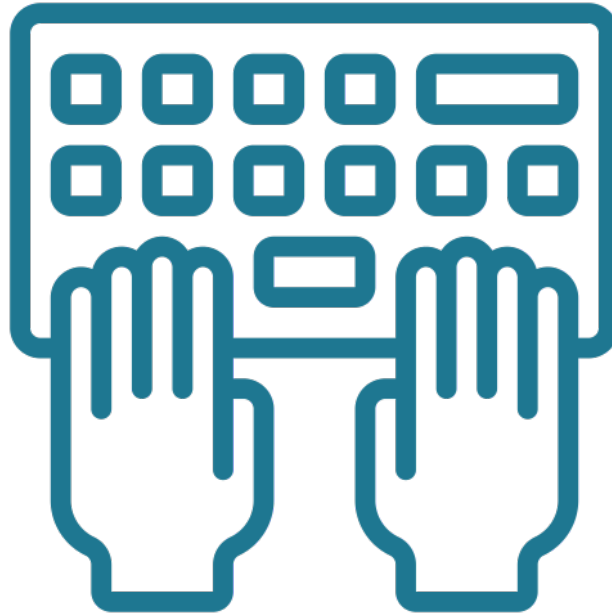
sense = SenseHat()
sense.set_rotation(180)
# alternatives
sense.rotation = 180
```

<https://pythonhosted.org/sense-hat/api/>

Programming Activity



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Write a program to read and display the air pressure (or humidity)

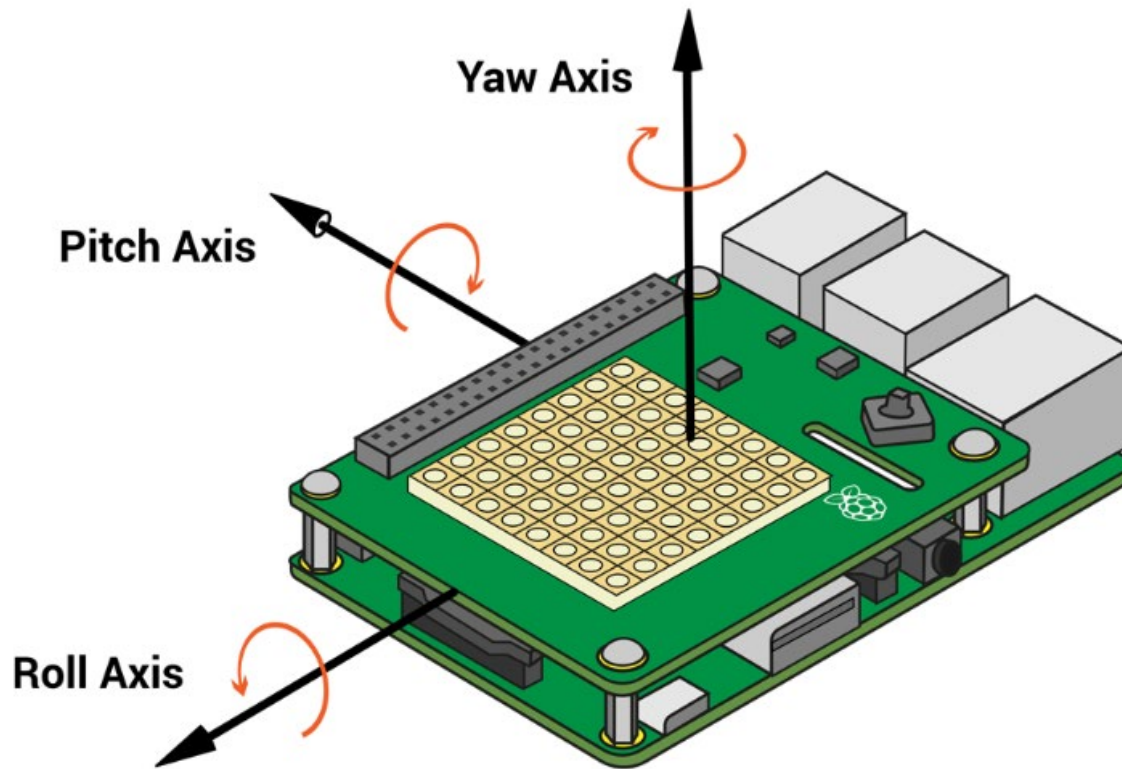
Tracking Movement with the Sense HAT



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Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU)

Combination of gyroscopic sensor, accelerometer, and magnetometer



Pitch — imagine a plane taking off

Roll — imagine a plane doing a victory roll

Yaw — imagine steering a plane like a car

Orientation



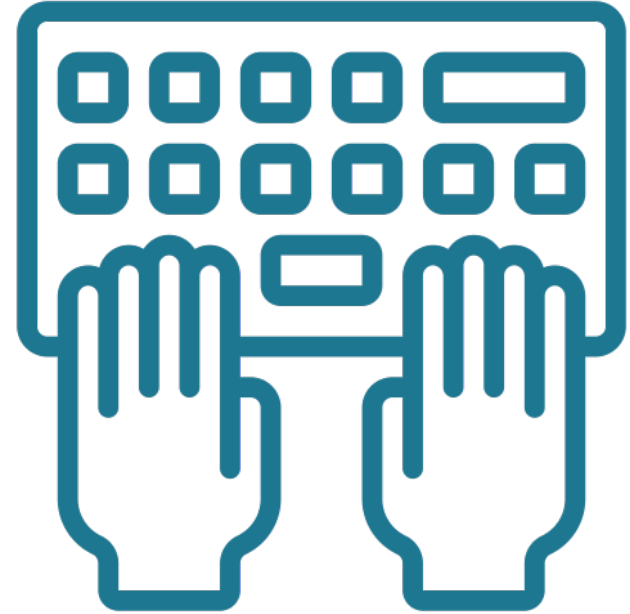
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```
from sense_hat import SenseHat
```

```
sense = SenseHat()  
sense.clear()
```

```
o = sense.get_orientation()  
pitch = o["pitch"]  
roll = o["roll"]  
yaw = o["yaw"]
```

```
print("pitch {0} roll {1} yaw {2}".format(pitch, roll, yaw))
```



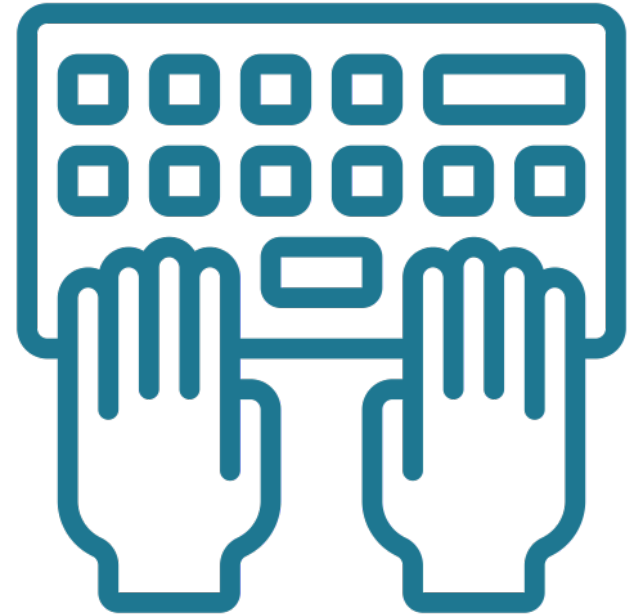
Accelerometer



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```
from sense_hat import SenseHat  
sense = SenseHat()
```

```
while True:  
    acceleration = sense.get_accelerometer_raw()  
    x = acceleration['x']  
    y = acceleration['y']  
    z = acceleration['z']  
  
    x=round(x, 0)  
    y=round(y, 0)  
    z=round(z, 0)  
  
    print("x={0}, y={1}, z={2}".format(x, y, z))
```





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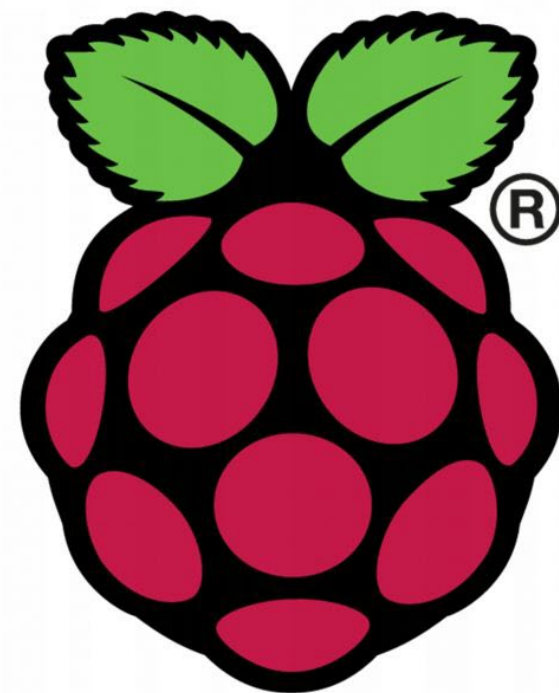
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PART 3

Internet of Things (IoT) and ThingSpeak



Raspberry Pi



An overview of IoT Platforms and Dashboards



ThingSpeak:

Easiest to get going for beginners. Does all the heavy lifting such as graphing and animation for you.

Has MATLAB analytics.



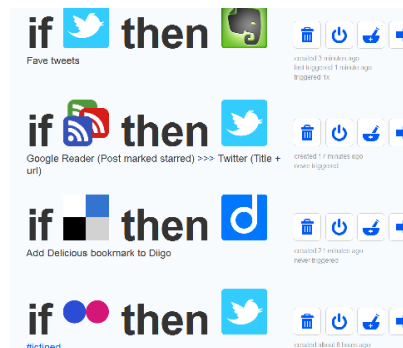
Firestore:

Industry level database. Works great with webpages on Glitch. A little bit more complicated! Does not graph that data for you.



Thingsboard:

Like ThingSpeak but better looking and with more features. No free version though! (€10 p/m)



IFTTT

If This Then That lets your programs link up with Phillips Hue, Alexa, Google Assistant and other Home IoT devices



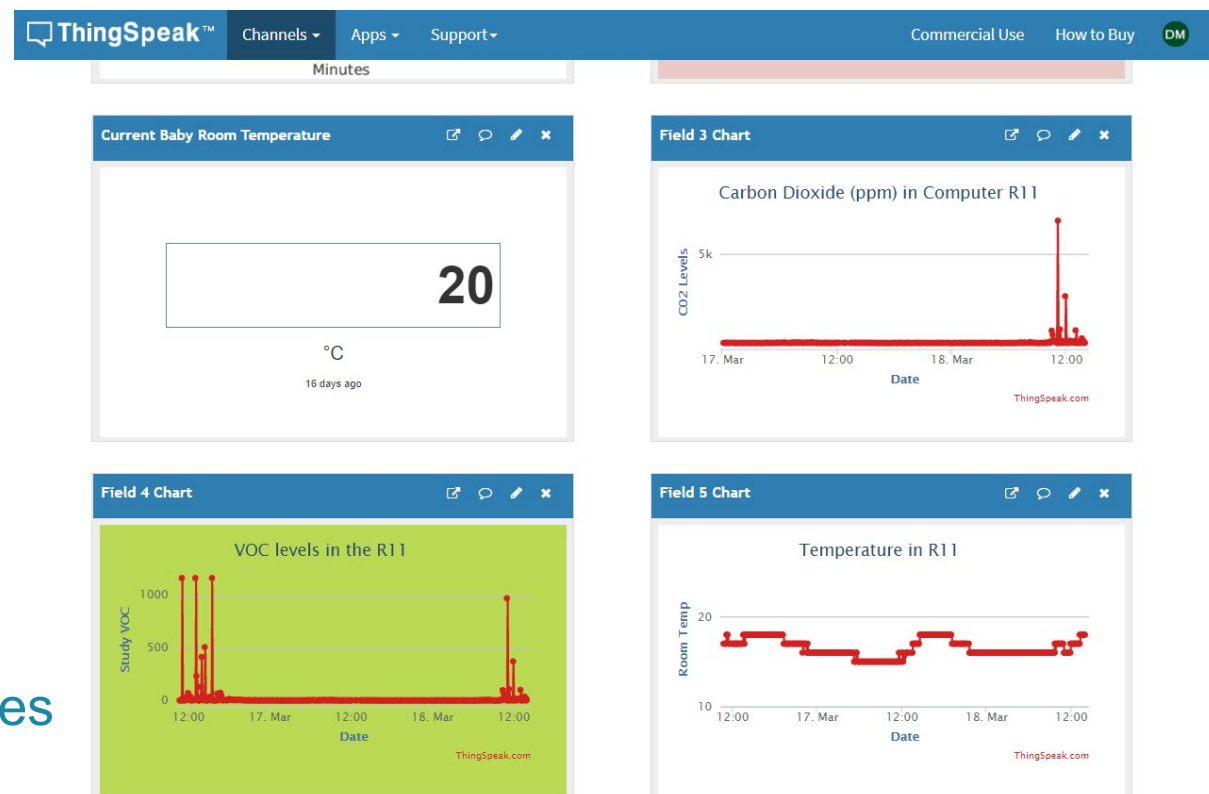
ThingSpeak Advantages & Limitations

ThingSpeak Advantages:

- Free to use (8 data sources)
- Can both **read** and **write**
- Quick & **easy** sensor to graph
- Quick & **easy** share/publish

ThingSpeak Limitations:

More like a spreadsheet with 8 columns, data does not have branches or leaf nodes like Firebase.





Let's make a ThingSpeak project!



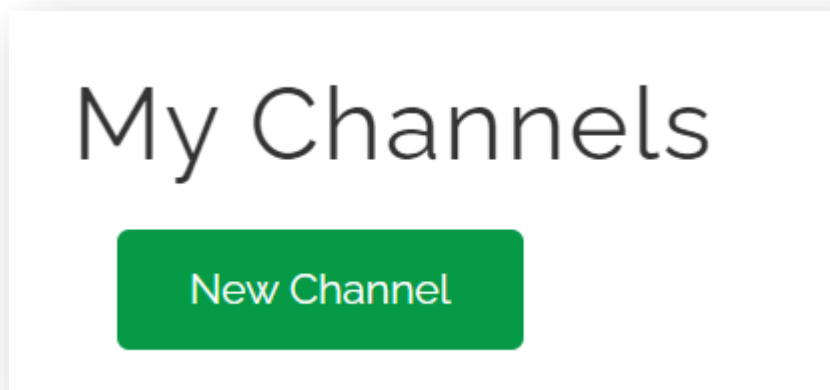
We'll do this as a LIVE CODING session!

ThingSpeakTM
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1. Go to ThingSpeak.com and create a MathWorks account.

Create a New Channel.



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Channels

Apps

To use ThingSpeak, you must sign in with your existing account.

Non-commercial users may use ThingSpeak for free. For full access to the MATLAB analysis features on ThingSpeak, you need a MathWorks account.

To send data faster to ThingSpeak or to send more data, you need a MathWorks account.

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Next



2. Give your channel a name.

Say what you're recording in Field 1.



New Channel

Name

Danny's Environmental Data

Description

It's some data streaming from my Sense Hat

Field 1

Temperature on Mars



Field 2



Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on Save Channel

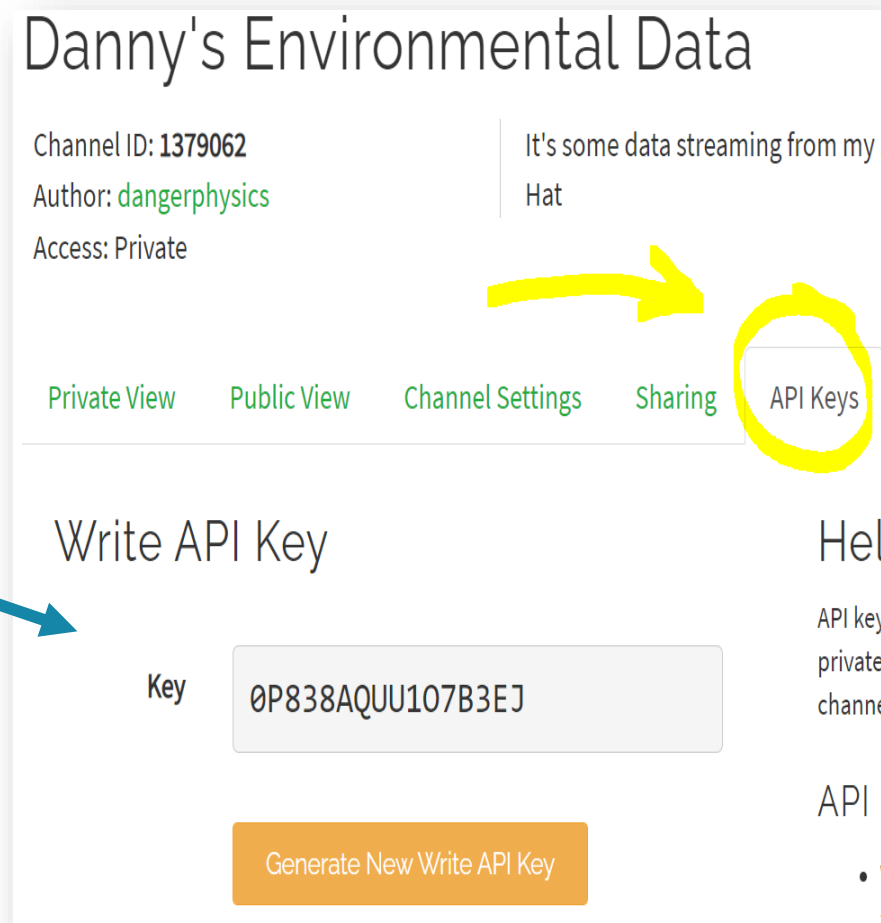
Save Channel



3. After saving, go back into your channel and copy the *Write API Key*.

Make a note of this Key.

This is the secret password that allows ANYONE to write to your database





4. Writing to your Database is so simple you could theoretically add a data point without Python!



In fact, all the Python program does is open one webpage.

Opening that URL once adds a data point. Opening it again will add it again.

Base URL (always the same) + PI Key (Secret & Unique to your Channel) + Field + Data

https://api.thingspeak.com/update?api_key=DA1K0TYF36CAE516&field1=42



5. Test using this 5 line python program that opens a webpage.



```
import sys
from urllib.request import urlopen

f = urlopen("https://api.thingspeak.com/update?api_key=DA1K0TYF36CAE516&field1=50")
#print(f.read())
f.close()
```

Uncomment this line to check if your code works.
It should return something in the format
b'11907' (I've added 11907 data points but your number may be much smaller)

Base URL (always the same) + API Key (Secret & Unique to your Channel) + Field + Data

https://api.thingspeak.com/update?api_key=DA1K0TYF36CAE516&field1=42

Change this GREEN PART to YOUR API Key



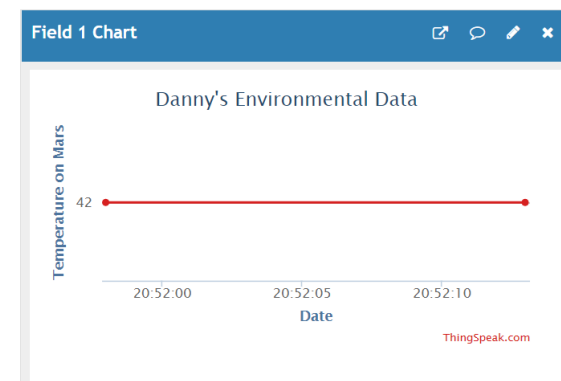
6. Run the previous code twice and then check to see if your graph!

If it's not working, ensure that:

- Your device has an internet connection
- You've used the correct API key for the channel you are viewing. (Not my API)
- You're not viewing a channel that is being spammed by 50 people right now. There is a limit on how quickly you can send data. (15 seconds for the free version)

Channel Stats

Created: about 2 hours ago
Last entry: about a minute ago
Entries: 2



Base URL (always the same)

+API Key (Secret & Unique to your Channel)

+ Field

+ Data

https://api.thingspeak.com/update?api_key=DA1K0TYF36CAE516&field1=42



7. Try this Longer example with two fields. We're nearly ready for sensors.

This code has placeholder variables for each sensor
e.g. *fakeTemperature = 42*

You will need to add *Field 2* on your Thingspeak
Channel in Chrome.

```
import sys
from time import sleep
from urllib.request import urlopen

myAPI = "DA1K0TYF36CAE516" #your key from your own thingspeak account. Put yours here.

def updateThingSpeak():
    print('Now updating thingspeak')
    baseURL = 'https://api.thingspeak.com/update?api_key=%s' % myAPI

    f = urlopen(baseURL + "&field1=%s" % (fakeTemperatureMeasurement) + "&field2=%s" % (fakeHumidityMeasurement) )
    print ("Success! I uploaded data point No. ", f.read())
    f.close()

# Program Starts Here

fakeTemperatureMeasurement = 42
fakeHumidityMeasurement = 99

while True:
    updateThingSpeak()
    print("Now waiting another 10 seconds before uploading more data to thingspeak...")
    sleep(10)
    print("")
```

Description	It's some data streaming from my sensors	
Field 1	Temperature on Mars	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Field 2	Temperature on Earth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**These Field names only decorate your
Webpage Graph and will not affect your python
Data coming in**



8. Now try stream Temperature Data from your Sense Hat!

```
from sense_hat import SenseHat

sh = SenseHat()
temperature = sh.get_temperature()
print(temperature)

sh.show_message("Its" + str(temperature) + "C")
```

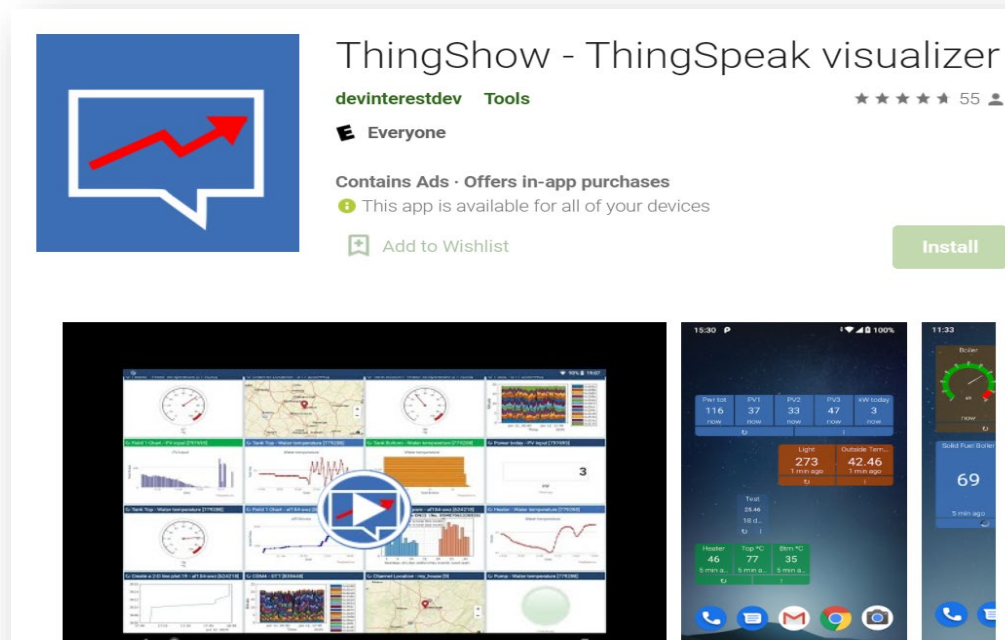


9. Download a ThingSpeak Mobile App and connect your Public channel using your own Channel ID under Channel Settings.

Examples of

Thingspeak Apps:

- **ThingShow** (Android)
- **Thingview** (iOS)



Channel Settings

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Channel ID 1379062

Name Danny's Environmental Data

Channel Sharing Settings

- ☐ Keep channel view private
- ☒ Share channel view with everyone

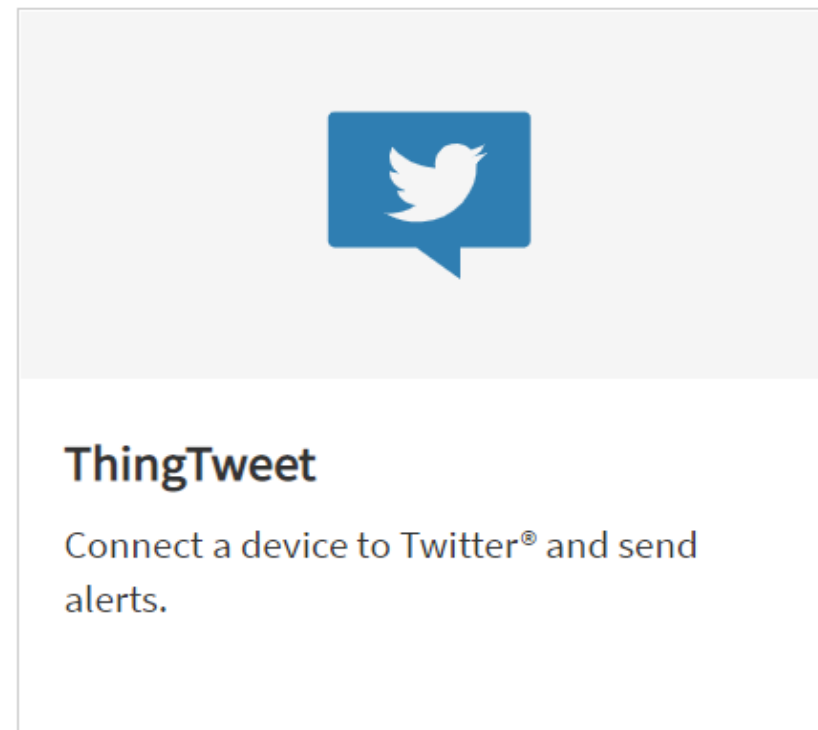


Other cool stuff to try later:

Tweet Control! Send a Tweet if things get too hot or if your cookie has gone missing!

Or control your Raspberry Pi Motor, Light or Servo by Tweeting!

It's under ThingSpeak.com/apps



<https://community.thingspeak.com/documentation/apps/tweetcontrol/>



Lunch Break



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