

Arduino Programming in Python

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Summary

Google Summer of Code

Problematic

State of the art

PyOnArduino

Demo



Google Summer of Code

Global program

**Bring students into open source
development**

Remote work + meetings

JdeRobot – 6 students

Timeline

- February - Organizations announced
- March - Student applications
- April – Student Projects announced
- April & May – Community Boarding
- May to August – Coding
- June, July & August - Evaluations

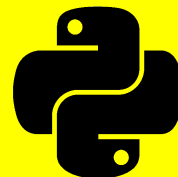


Problematic

Arduino programming language complexity

Need of easy to use tools for newbies

Code Arduino boards using Python





State of the art

Current solution for the problematic

Continuous communication between the robot and the PC.

Possible approaches

- Pyxie
- Cython
- LLVM





PyOnArduino

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JdeRobot Robot Programming tool

Translate Python-like code to Arduino code

Translate, compile and upload the code directly



```
def loop():  
    if halduino.getLineFollowValue() == 0:  
        halduino.setSpeedEngines(100, 100)  
    elif halduino.getLineFollowValue() == 1:  
        halduino.setSpeedEngines(0, 100)  
    elif halduino.getLineFollowValue() == 2:  
        halduino.setSpeedEngines(100, 0)  
    elif halduino.getLineFollowValue() == 3:  
        halduino.setSpeedEngines(-100, -100)
```

The image shows a laptop screen with a Python script for controlling a line follower robot. The code is a continuous loop that checks the robot's position on a line and adjusts the motor speeds accordingly. To the right of the laptop, a small white robot with blue wheels is visible, connected to the laptop by a cable. The robot is on a wooden surface.



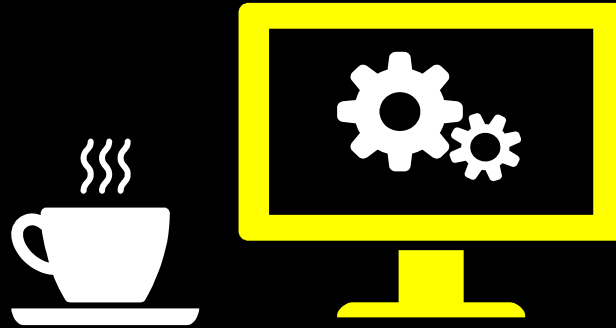
Supported robots

MBOT



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PyOnArduino's structure





Translator

Abstract Syntax Tree

Each node – Statement in the code

Information for analyzing the code

Inessential punctuation and delimiters

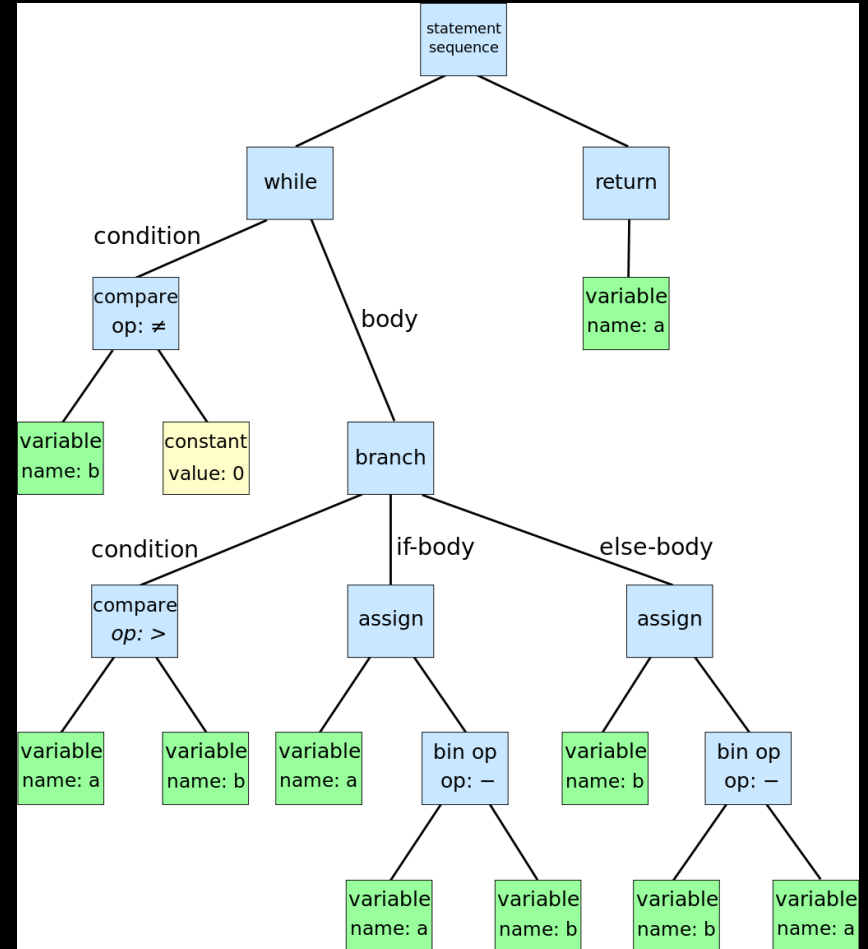
Python library

NodeTransformer and NodeVisitor

Abstract Syntax Tree

Greatest Common Divisor

```
while b ≠ 0
  if a > b
    a := a - b
  else
    b := b - a
return a
```





Translator

Abstract Syntax Tree

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Python library

NodeTransformer and NodeVisitor

NodeVisitor & NodeTransformer

```
import ast

class MyVisitor(ast.NodeVisitor):
    def visit_Str(self, node):
        print('String Node: ' + node.s + '')

class MyTransformer(ast.NodeTransformer):
    def visit_Str(self, node):
        return ast.Str('str: ' + node.s)

parsed = ast.parse("print('Hello World')")
MyTransformer().visit(parsed)
MyVisitor().visit(parsed)
```




HALduino

Hardware Abstraction Layer

halduino.py

Specific halduino for each robot

Get rid of Arduino's complexity



HALduino example

Python

```
setSpeedEngines(leftSpeed: int, rightSpeed: int)
```

Arduino

```
MeDCMotor leftMotor(9);  
MeDCMotor rightMotor(10);  
void setSpeedEngines(int speedLeft, int speedRight) {  
    leftMotor.run(speedLeft);  
    rightMotor.run(speedRight);  
}
```



Sensors and actuators supported

Complubot

Sensor/Actuator	Supported functions
DC Engines	setSpeedEngines (left,right)
Ultrasonic sensors	getUS()
Infrared sensors	getIR[1,2,3,4,5]()
Beep emitter	playBeep(type)
Sound emitter	playMelody(melody)
Screen write	setScreenText(text), cleanScreen()



Sensors and actuators supported

mBot

Sensor/Actuator	Supported functions
DC Engines	setSpeedEngines (speed)
Ultrasonic sensors	getUS()
LEDs	setLeds(ledNumber, red, green, blue)
Infrared sensors	getMessage(), sendMessage(message)
Light sensor	getLightSensor()
Button	isButtonPressed(), isButtonReleased()
Buzzer	playBuzzer(tone, length)
External screen	drawString(name), showClock(hour, min)



Python features supported

Feature	Limitations/Comments
Variable declaration	SUPPORTED
Function declaration	With/without return statement
Operators	+ - / * ^ %
Comparators	< <= >= == !=
Logic operators	And or is not
pass	SUPPORTED
loops	While, for(limited)
Sleep()	SUPPORTED
if	If/elif/else
Boolean operations	and or
print	SUPPORTED



Stop and go code example Mbot

```
import HALduino.halduino as halduino

def set_engine(direction: int):
    if direction == 0:
        halduino.setSpeedEngines(0, 0)
        print('STOP!')
    elif direction == 1:
        halduino.setSpeedEngines(100, 100)
        print('Forward')

def loop():
    if halduino.getUS() < 10:
        set_engine(0)
    else:
        set_engine(1)
```



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import HALduino.halduino as halduino

def set_engine(direction: int):
    if direction == 0:
        halduino.setSpeedEngines(0, 0)
        print('STOP!')
    elif direction == 1:
        halduino.setSpeedEngines(100, 100)
        print('Forward')

def loop():
    if halduino.getUS() < 30:
        set_engine(0)
    else:
        set_engine(1)
```



Managing robot's architecture

Versatility

Configure robot's ports

```
# Example of an mBot setup
```

```
leftMotor = 9  
rightMotor = 10  
ultrasonicSensor = 3  
rgbled = 7  
lightSensor = 6  
ledMtx = 3  
lineFollower = 2
```




Executing PyOnArduino

Python 3.x

Arduino IDE

Arduino Makefile

```
python3 translator/Translator.py [input-file] [robot]  
python3 translator/Translator.py [input-file] [robot] [architecture-file]
```



Make & Arduino Makefile

Build automation

Directives used by make

make upload

```
# mBot Makefile

ARDUINO_LIBS= Makeblock-Libraries-master Wire SPI
MONITOR_PORT= /dev/cu.wchusbserial1420
BOARD_TAG = uno
ARDUINO_DIR  = /Applications/Arduino.app/Contents/Java
include /usr/local/opt/arduino-mk/Arduino.mk
```



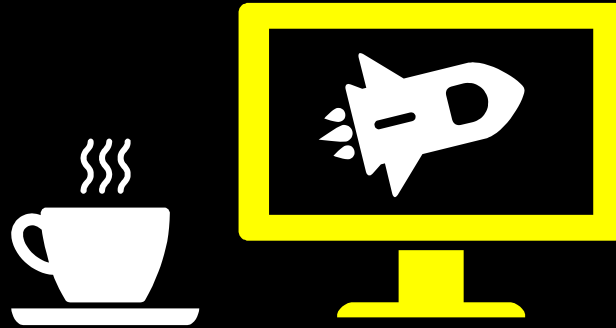
Problems during development

Dynamic typing in Python vs Arduino

Architectural Stop

Variables' type in function declaration

Lost parentheses



DEMO TIME!

Lets see how PyOnArduino tool works!

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PyOnArduino

Thanks!

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