

Workshop 2: Hello Tello!

In this workshop, you'll be continuing to learn more about some fundamental programming concepts and learn about how Tello drones interface with Python programs.

Important Topics

- OpenCV2 Fix (!)
- More About Functions
- Intro to Tello Drones
- Networks 101
- Libraries
- Basic Tello Methods
- Algorithms

OpenCV2 Fix (!)

The bug experienced by Windows users last week was a known bug that had gone unfixed for years. We forked the library and fixed it.

The fixed library is available at: <https://github.com/shawnduong/2021-Fall-SEA-x-ENGRSL-Python-Workshop-Series/blob/main/tello.py>.

Please follow along with volunteer group leader Hans G. to learn how to apply the patch in PyCharm on Windows.

Wake up, Tello! Activity

Now that we've *hopefully* gotten OpenCV2 fixed, **let's try to power on the Tello drone and see through its camera again.**

You may find it useful to refer to the Python and Tello reference sheets at the end of this handout.

Functions Activity

1. As a group, **create a real Python function that just says "Good morning <name>!"** (where <name> is an input). Then, call it a few times with different input names.
 - Solve the problem as a group, but try to run it on your own individual devices.

Basic Algorithms Activity

algorithm (noun), a step-by-step procedure for solving a problem or accomplishing some end.

- Merriam-Webster

As a group, create the following basic algorithms:

1. `stepForwards(totalDistance, steps)`
 - Go a total of `totalDistance` units of distance in the forward direction, taking a total of `steps` many steps, waiting for 1 second in-between steps.

- e.g. `stepForwards(6, 3)` would go forward 2 units, wait a second, go forward 2 units, wait a second, and then go forward 2 units.
- 2. `stepBackwards(totalDistance, steps)`
 - The same as `stepForwards`, but in the backwards direction.
- 3. `hookLeft(totalDistance)`
 - Go `totalDistance/2` units forward, rotate a full 90 degrees such that your drone turns left, and then go `totalDistance/2` units forward, essentially doing a left hook.
- 4. `hookRight(totalDistance)`
 - The same as `hookLeft`, but going right instead.

Challenge Activity

- 5. `arc(totalDistance, turnRadius)`
 - Travel in an arc of `totalDistance`, arcing a certain `turnRadius`.

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Python Reference Sheet

```
# Comments look like this. They start with a '#' sign.

# Conditionals look like this.
if condition:
    instructions

# Here are a few examples.

if x < 5:
    print("x is less than 5.")

if x < 5 and x % 2 == 0:
    print("x is less than 5, and x is also an even number.")

if passwordEntered == actualPassword:
    print("You entered the right password!")
    print("Hello user.")

# There are 3 kinds of loops:
# - while loops do something while a condition is true.
# - for x in y loops do something for every item x in a collection of items y.
# - for x in range(N) will do something N many times.

# Here are a few examples.

letter = input("Enter a letter: ")
while letter != 'a':
    print("You didn't enter letter the letter 'a'")
    letter = input("Enter a letter: ")

people = ["John", "Jane", "Jack", "Jill"]
for person in people:
    print("Hello", person)

for i in range(10):
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print("Hi!")

# Functions look like this.
def greet():
    print("Hello!")

# That's just the definition. It doesn't actually run the function. In order to
# do that, you need to call it.
greet()

# Functions that take inputs and return values look like this.
def f(x, y, z):
    n = x + y + z
    n *= 5
    return n

# When you have functions that take inputs, you need to pass them in when
# calling them. When you have functions that (optionally) return values, the
# function can directly represent data.
output = f(2, 6, 7)

```

Tello Reference Sheet

Remember to install the libraries first before you proceed! You'll need:

- The Solar Energy Association's fork of the easyTello library
 - <https://github.com/shawnduong/2021-Fall-SEA-x-ENGRSL-Python-Workshop-Series/blob/main/tello.py>
- OpenCV2 (opencv-python)

Basics:

```

# Remember to import the fixed library that we need.
# tello.py must be in the same directory (folder) as your main.py.
import tello

# This is how you make drone objects.
# We'll talk more about objects in the future.
drone = tello.Tello()

# This is how you turn the camera on and view the feed.
drone.streamon()

# This is how you turn the camera off and stop viewing the feed.
drone.streamoff()

```

Important note: your program will try to finish as fast as possible. If you're just turning the camera on and off, then this means that it'll turn the camera on, *but then it immediately turns it off*. You might find this code useful:

```

# Import the time library.
import time

# Sleep for 5 minutes. 5 minutes * 60 seconds/minute = 300 seconds.
time.sleep(300)

```

Movement:

```
# Get the drone off the ground.
drone.takeoff()

# Land the drone.
drone.land()

# In the following methods, n is an integer from [20, 500].

# Go forward n cm.
drone.forward(n)

# Go back n cm.
drone.back(n)

# Strafe left n cm.
drone.left(n)

# Strafe right n cm.
drone.right(n)

# Go up n cm.
drone.up(n)

# Go down n cm.
drone.down(n)

# Rotate x degrees clockwise.
drone.cw(x)

# Rotate x degrees counter-clockwise.
drone.ccw(x)

# This one is a bit more advanced!
# Fly at a curve from a defined (x1, y1, z1) to a defined (x2, y2, z2) at
# s cm/s. The arc radius must be [0.5, 10] m. All coordinates are [-500, 500],
# and s is [10, 60].
drone.curve(x1, y1, z1, x2, y2, z2)
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