

Trinket M0 Using Circuit Python

TechAhoy Project

What is a Tomato Timer?

- Productivity Tool Used by Engineers
 - 25 minutes of work
 - 5 minutes of rest.

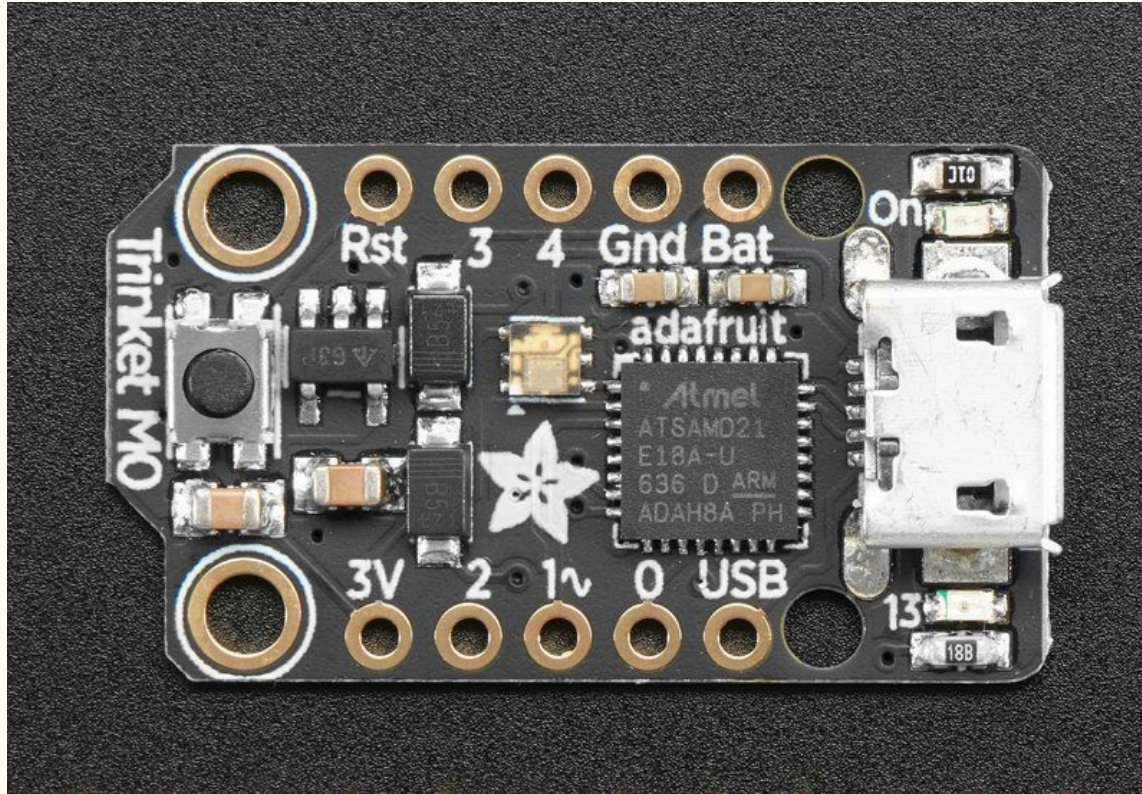


Materials

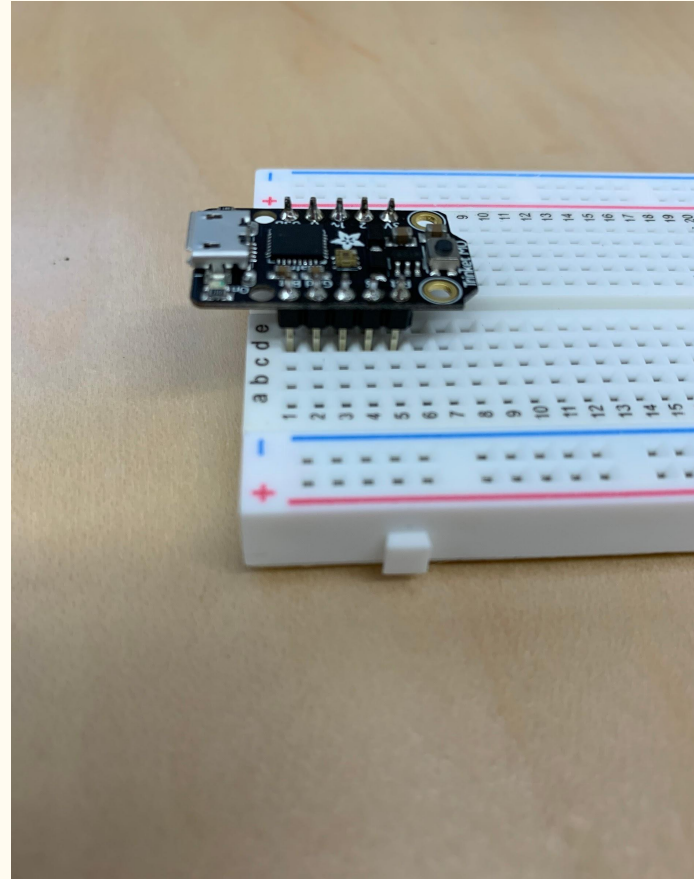
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- Trinket M0
- 5 LED Strip
- Breadboard (for prototyping)
- Header Pins
- Push Button Switch
- 2 Male Jumper Cables
- 3 Alligator Clips
- Micro USB Data Cable

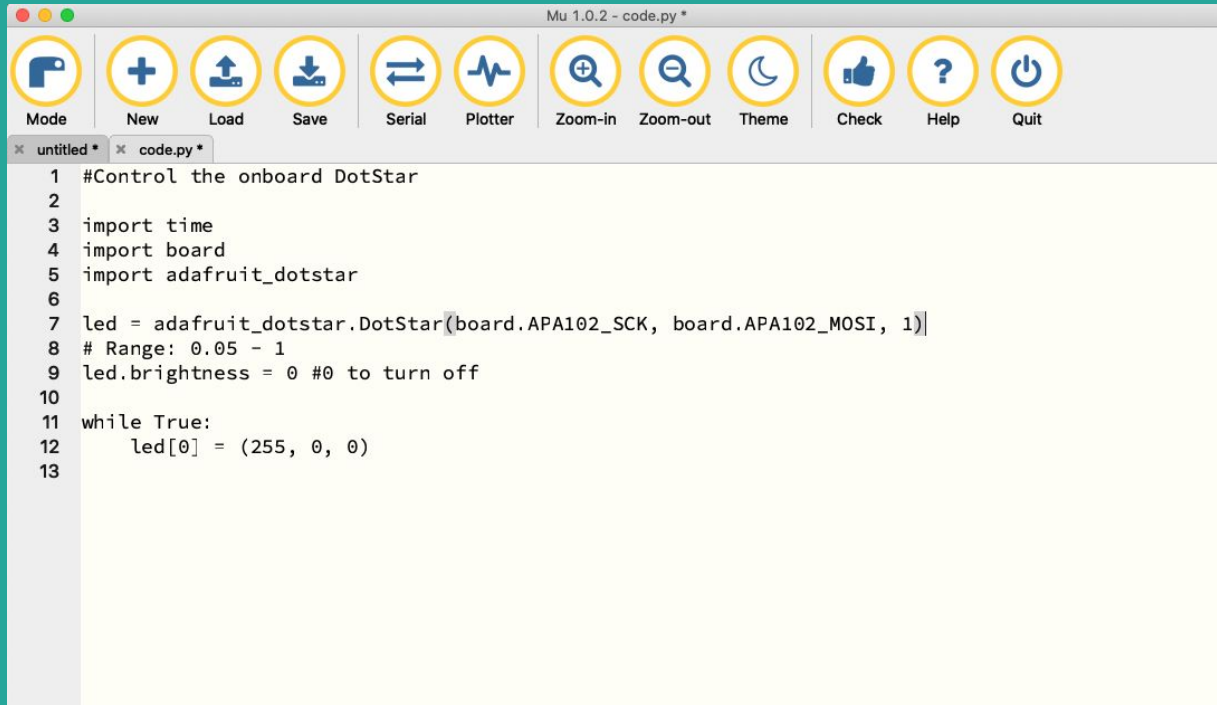
Trinket M0



Bread Board



Introduction to Software



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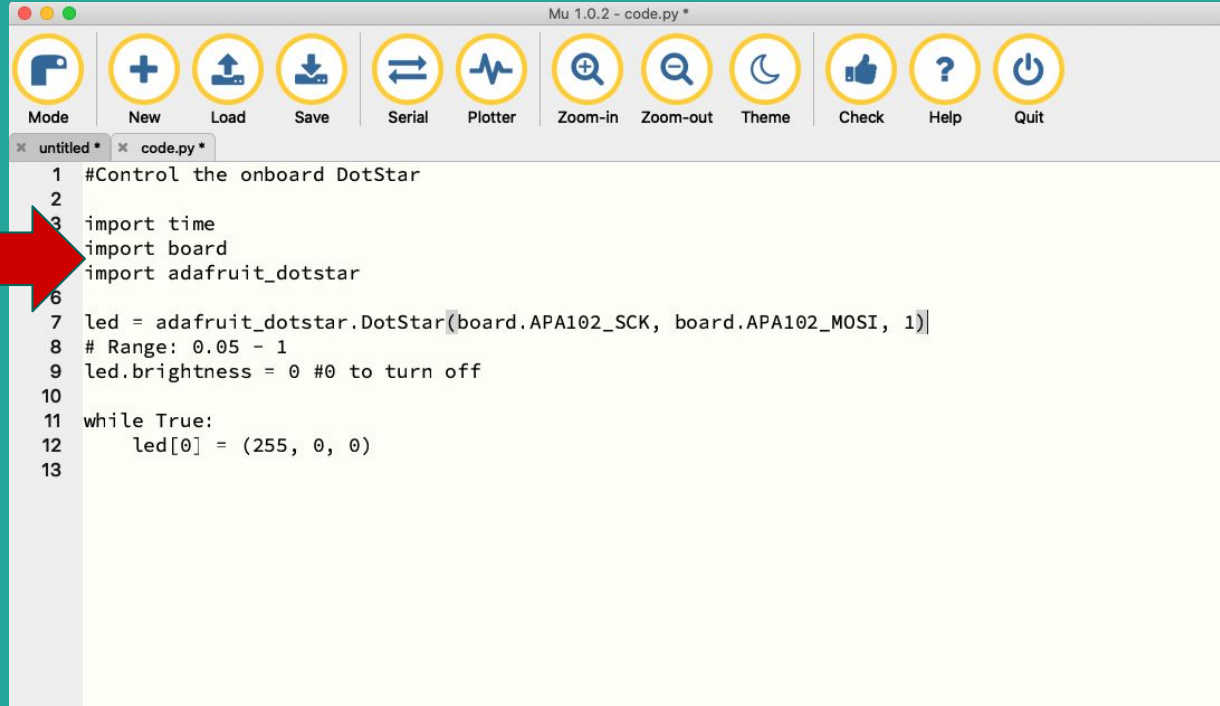
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5 import adafruit_dotstar
6
7 led = adafruit_dotstar.DotStar(board.APA102_SCK, board.APA102_MOSI, 1)
8 # Range: 0.05 - 1
9 led.brightness = 0 #0 to turn off
10
11 while True:
12     led[0] = (255, 0, 0)
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```

Turquoise: (19, 84, 78)

Coral: (100,50,31)

Fuchsia: (255, 0, 255)

IMPORTS

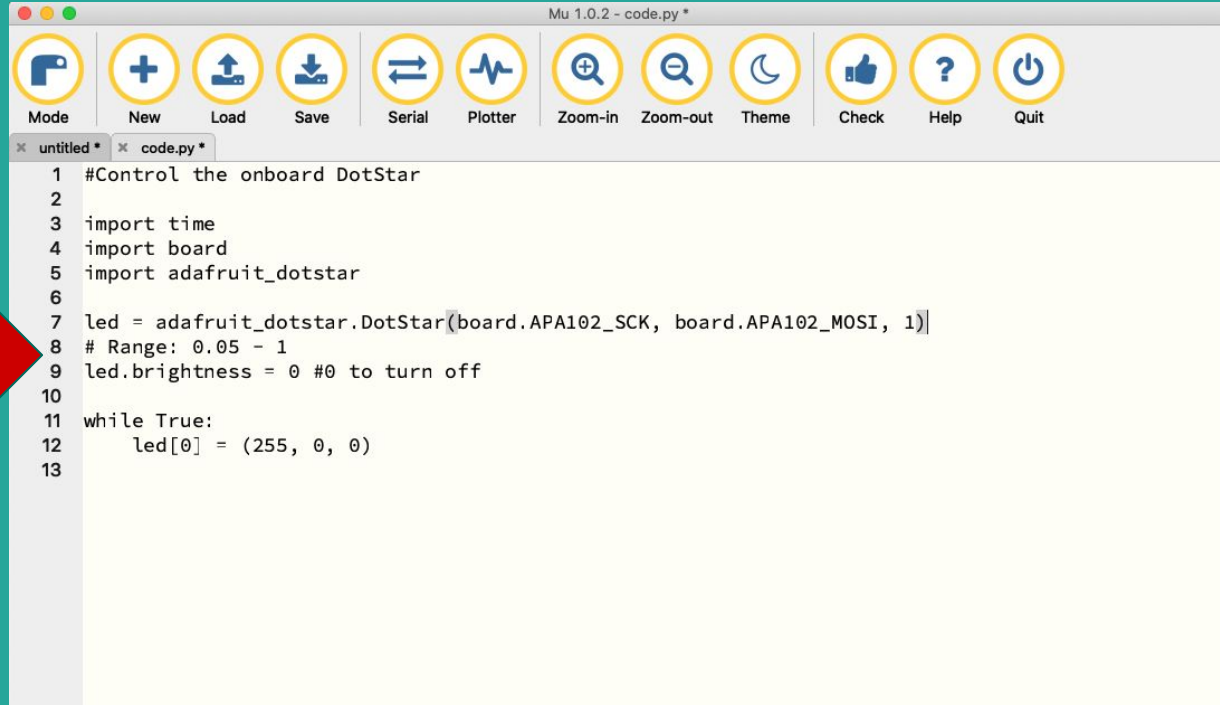


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A large red arrow points to the import statements on lines 3, 4, and 5.

SETUP

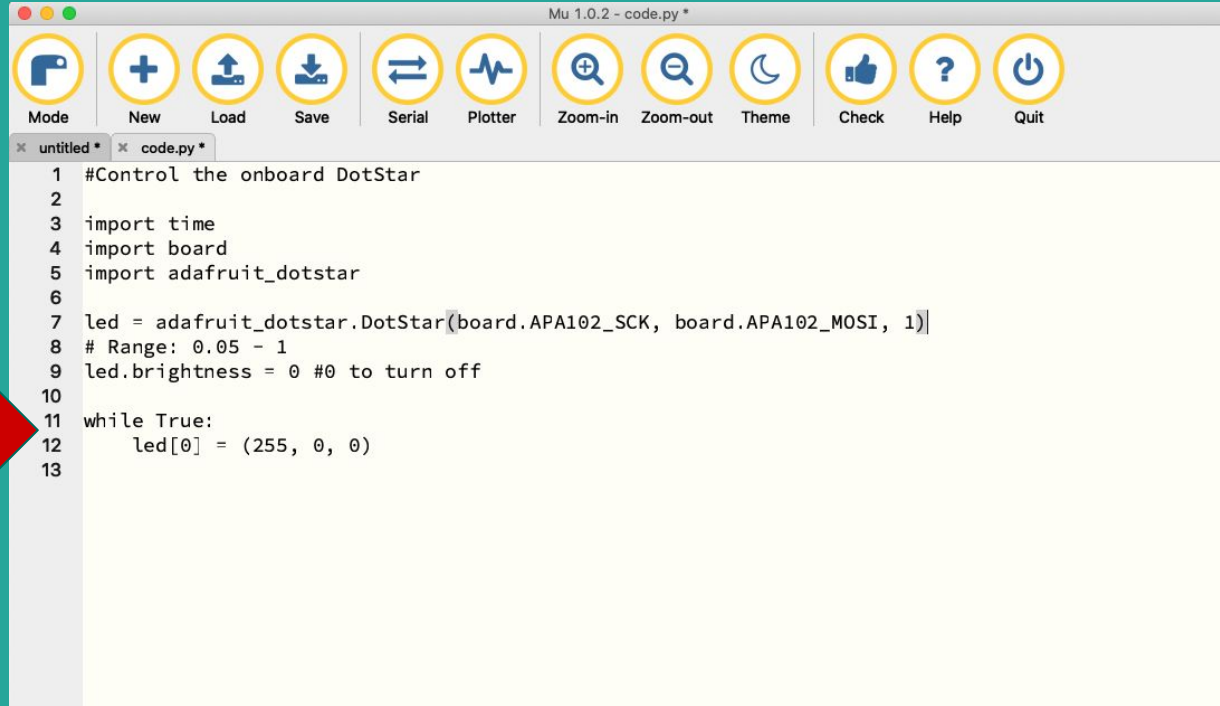


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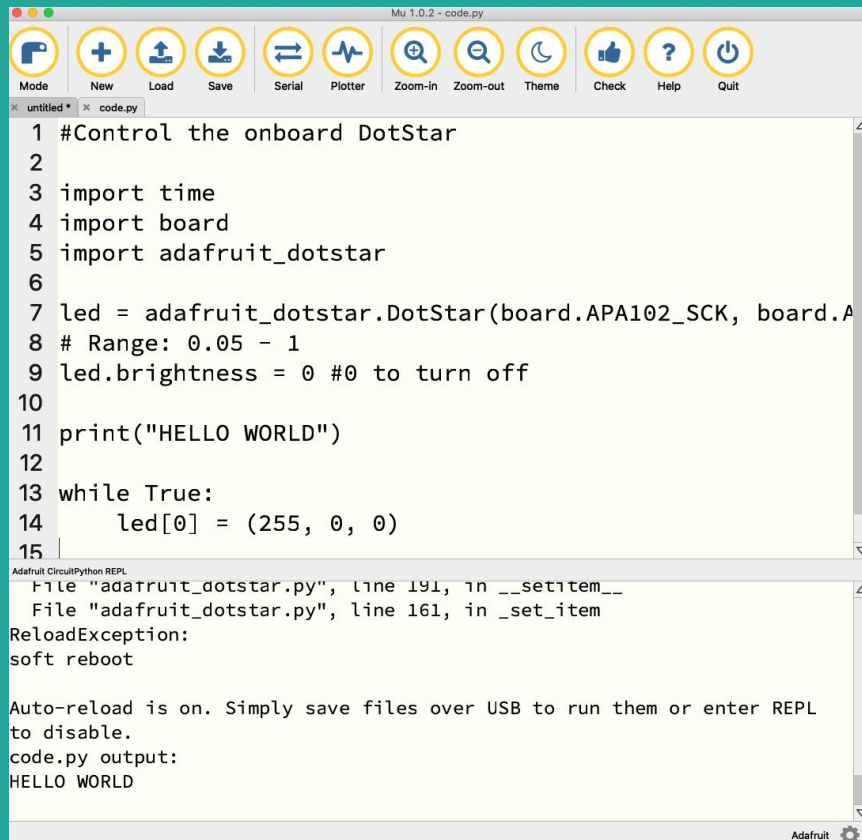
A large red arrow points to line 7 of the code, highlighting the initialization of the `led` object.

THE LOOP



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Hello World Program



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7 led = adafruit_dotstar.DotStar(board.APA102_SCK, board.A
8 # Range: 0.05 - 1
9 led.brightness = 0 #0 to turn off
10
11 print("HELLO WORLD")
12
13 while True:
14     led[0] = (255, 0, 0)
15
```

Adafruit CircuitPython REPL

```
File "adafruit_dotstar.py", line 191, in __setitem__
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ReloadException:
soft reboot

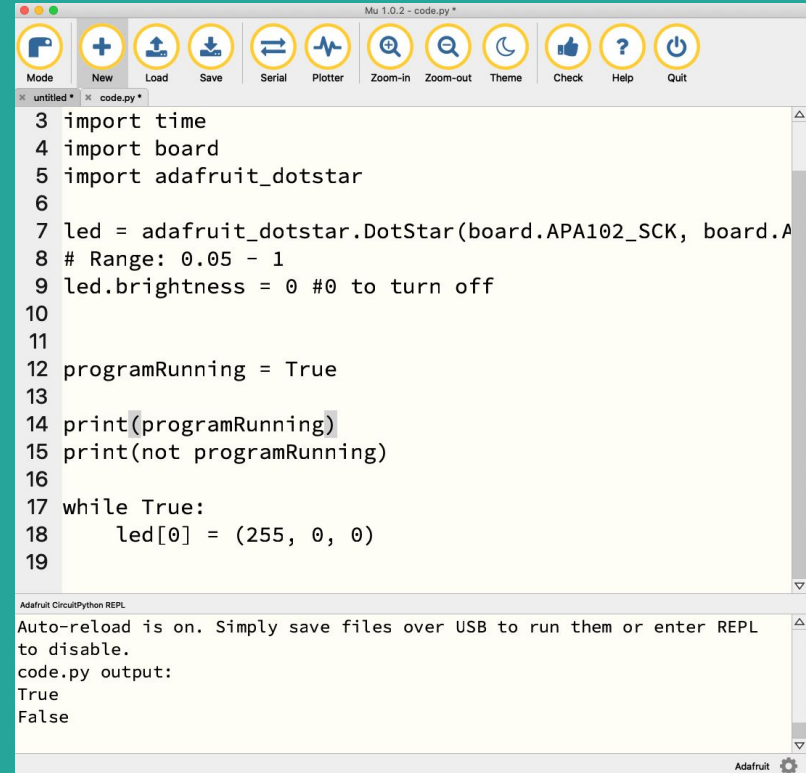
Auto-reload is on. Simply save files over USB to run them or enter REPL
to disable.
code.py output:
HELLO WORLD
```

Adafruit

Boolean Variables

Boolean variables can be thought of as switches:

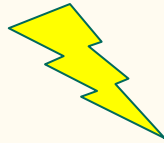
- On/Off
- 1/0
- True/False



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11
12 programRunning = True
13
14 print(programRunning)
15 print(not programRunning)
16
17 while True:
18     led[0] = (255, 0, 0)
19
Adafuit CircuitPython REPL
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code.py output:
True
False
Adafuit
```

Small Steps

When starting a new project, it is generally a good idea to start with the smallest problem.

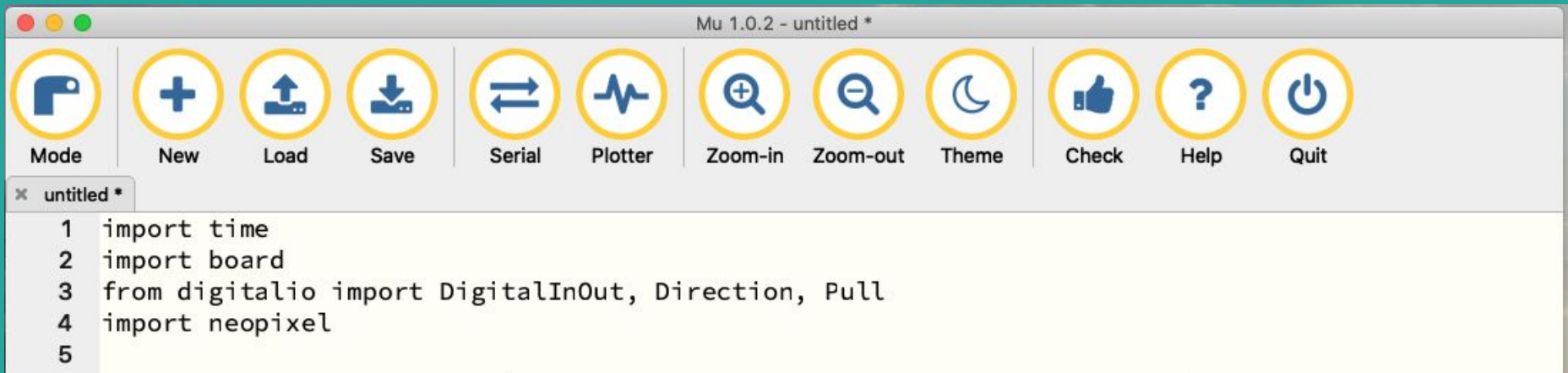


Challenge:
Blink Chip's DotStar
Using `time.sleep()`

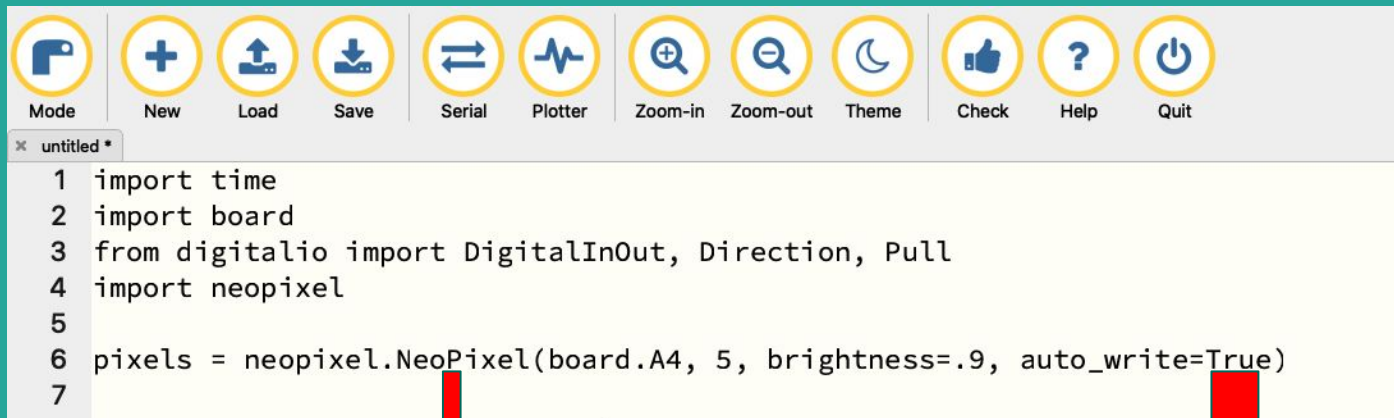
Engineering Problem

Program chip to light one LED every 5 mins. After 25 minutes, create a 5 minute resting pattern.

Important Imports



Hardware Setup



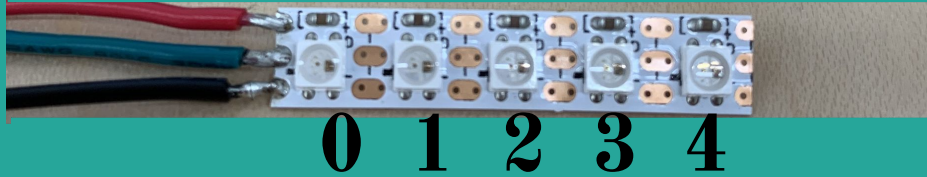
**Capitalization
Matters**

**Display colors
immediately**

WIRE THIS!

- 1) Attach alligator clips to the wires of the led strip
- 2) Connect Information Wire to Pin 4
- 3) Connect Power Wire to 3V
- 4) Connect Ground Wire to Gnd

An Array is a List of Data



`pixels[3] = (100,0,0)` makes the 4th LED red!



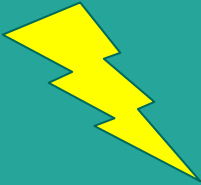
Challenge:
**Light all of the pixels in
the strip**

Introducing the **FOR LOOP**

Variable



```
14  
15 for pixel in range(0,5):  
16     print(pixel)  
17
```



Challenge:
Modify This Code to Light
Strip