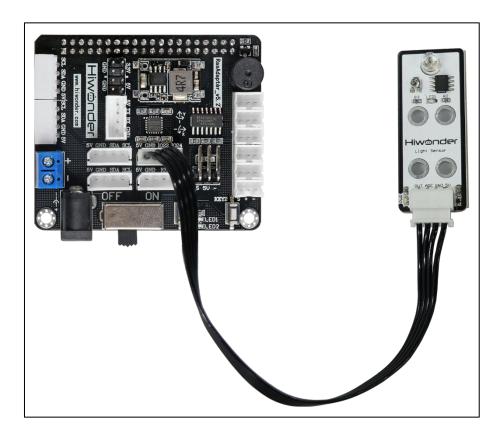


Lesson 6 Light Sensor

1. Getting Ready

Prepare a light sensor and connect it to any one of GPIO ports on Raspberry Pi expansion board through 4PIN cable. The wiring effect is as follow:

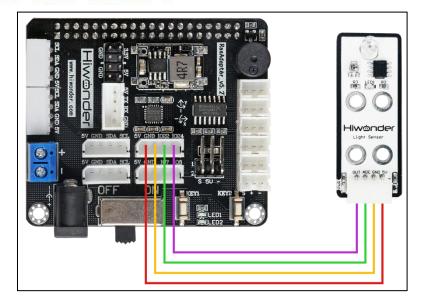


Note: Please do not insert forcefully because 4PIN cable uses anti-reverse plugging design.

In addition, 4 female to female Dupont lines can also be used to connect light sensor to Raspberry Pi expansion board, as the figure shown below:

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2. Module Usage

The light sensor mainly includes a QTH23C (photodiode) and LM358chi (voltage comparator).

We can set a threshold by adjusting the potentiometer on sensor. When the external brightness is greater than the threshold, LED1 on module will light up and the signal terminal OUT will output a low level.

When the external brightness is less than the threshold, LED1 on module will light off and the signal terminal OUT will output a high level.

3. Working Principle

When the external brightness is higher than the threshold set by the module, the signal terminal OUT outputs a low level, otherwise it output a high level. We can judge the current status of the sensor according to the level change of the signal terminal OUT.

The source code of the program is located in:

/home/pi/TonyPi/Extend/Sensor/PhotoSensitiveControl.py

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```
32
          name
33
        while True:
34
           GPIO.setup(22, GPIO.IN) # Set pin as input mode
35
           state = GPIO.input(22) # read the number value of pin
36
           if not state:
37
              if st:
                           # Make a judgement to prevent repeated sound
                st = 0
38
39
                setBuzzer(0.1) # Set the buzzer sound to sound for 0.1 second
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           else:
41
              st = 1
42
              GPIO.setup(6, GPIO.OUT)
43
              GPIO.output(6, 0)
44
45
           GPIO.setup(6, GPIO.OUT)
46
           GPIO.output(6, 0)
```

4. Operation Steps

1) Click in the upper left corner to open the terminal. Enter command "cd TonyPi/Extend/Sensor/" and press "Enter" to come to the directory of the game programmings.

2) Enter "sudo python3 PhotoSensitiveControl.py" command, and then press "Enter" to start the game.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cd TonyPi/Extend/Sensor/
pi@raspberrypi:~/TonyPi/Extend/Sensor $ sudo python3 PhotoSensitiveControl.py
```

3) If want to close this program, press "Ctrl+C". You can try multiple time if fail to close.

5. Project Outcome

After the program is started, the buzzer will sound once when the external brightness is higher than the threshold set by the light sensor.