#### Welcome to the labs!



Tamagotchi! - Micro:bits





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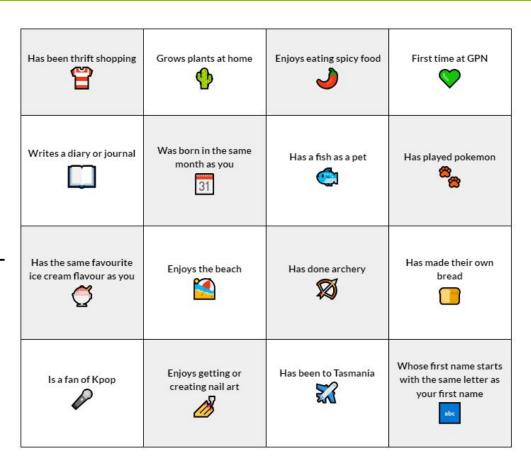
# Who are you?



# Get to know you BINGO

#### Grab a printed BINGO sheet & pen

- Read each square
- Find a new friend who can complete any of the squares
- Write their name in the square you can only put their name in ONE box!
- TUTORS TOO!



Link for printing BINGO sheet





#### Log on

#### Log on and jump on the GPN website

girlsprogramming.network/workshop

#### Click on your location



#### Tell us you're here!

Click on the

Start of Day Survey

and fill it in now!

Start of Day survey

#### Log on

#### Click on your Room picture

#### You can see:

- A link to the Workbook
- These Slides (to take a look back on or go on ahead)
- Other helpful bits like a Cheatsheet to help you code



## Using the workbook!

The workbooks will help you put your project together!

#### Each **Part** of the workbook is made of tasks!

#### Tasks - The parts of your project

Follow the tasks **in order** to make the project!

#### **Hints - Helpers for your tasks!**

Stuck on a task, we might have given you a hint to help you **figure it out!** 

The hints have <u>unrelated</u> examples, or tips. **Don't copy and paste** in the code, you'll end up with something **CRAZY**!

#### Task 6.2: Add a blah to your code!

This has instructions on how to do a part of the project

- 1. Start by doing this part
- 2. Then you can do this part

#### Task 6.1: Make the thing do blah!

Make your project do blah ....

#### Hint

A clue, an example or some extra information to help you **figure out** the answer.

print('This example is not part of the project' )



#### Using the workbook!

The workbooks will help you put your project together!

Check off before you move on from a **Part**! Do some bonuses while you wait!

#### Checklist - Am I done yet?

Make sure you can tick off every box in this section before you go to the next Part.

#### **Lecture Markers**

This tells you you'll find out how to do things for this section during the names lecture.

#### **Bonus Activities**

Stuck waiting at a lecture marker?

Try a purple bonus. They add extra functionality to your project along the way.

#### ☑ CHECKPOINT ☑

If you can tick all of these off you're ready to move the next part!

- ☐ Your program does blah
- ☐ Your program does blob



#### ★ BONUS 4.3: Do something extra!

Something to try if you have spare time before the next lecture!

# Today's project!

Tamagotchi- Micro:Bit

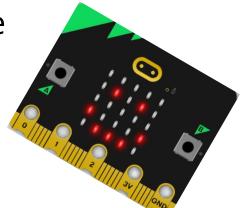




# Tamagotchi

- You're going to make your own Tamagotchi electronic pet using a micro:bit
- Tamagotchi pets were a worldwide fad created in Japan in 1996
- Give your pet a name and write some code to feed it, play with it and let it sleep
- Don't let it get hungry, bored or sleepy!
- Keep it alive, watch it grow and change



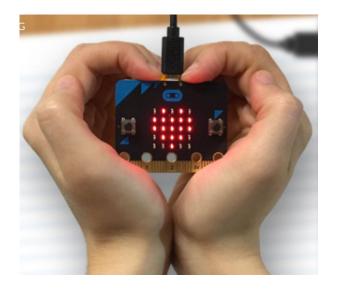




#### Tamagotchi

#### Sadly you can't keep them at the end of the day. 😥





If you want one for home (maybe for christmas or your birthday!) they're about \$25.

Find out where to buy them here: https://microbit.org/



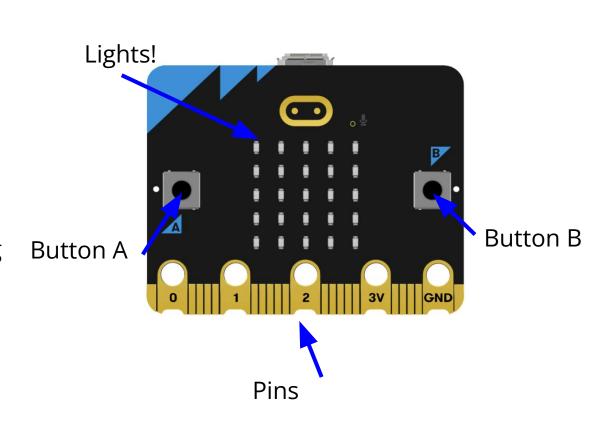
# Intro to Micro:Bit

#### What is a Micro:Bit?

**Buttons**: We can press these and tell the Micro:Bit to do different things

**Lights**: We can turn each light on or off to make different images

**Pins**: These let us connect the Micro:Bit to other devices using wires



**Front** 

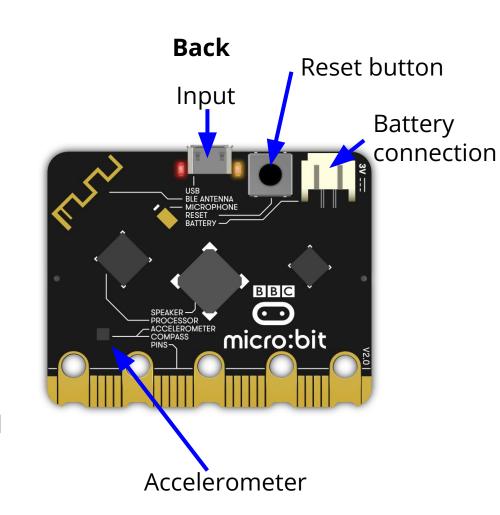
#### What is a Micro:Bit?

**Input**: Where we connect the cable from the computer to transfer our code/power to our Micro:Bit

**Reset button**: Let's you stop your code and starts it again

**Battery connection:** You can use your micro:bit even when it is not plugged into your computer! Ask you tutor for a battery pack if you need one.

**Accelerometer**: The Micro:bit can tell us when it is **acceler**ated - so it knows when we shake it!



# Using python.microbit.org

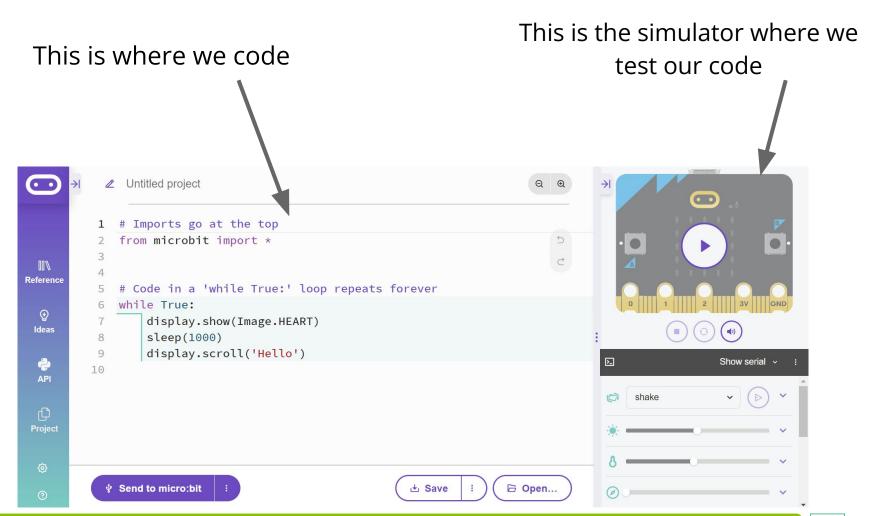
Today we will be using **python.microbit.org** to program our Micro:Bits.

#### Go to python.microbit.org

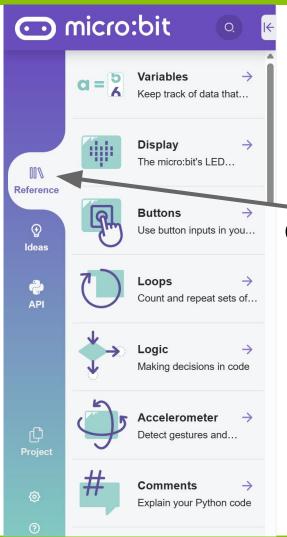


You should see this page pop up!

# python.microbit.org



# python.microbit.org



This is the reference. Click on the reference button to help you find the syntax for different instructions.

Click here

#### How do we write code for it?

Micro:Bits use **Python**, which is the programming language that we usually teach here at GPN!

Always make sure this line is at the top of your code!

```
from microbit import *
```

This lets us use lights, sounds, buttons and lots of other cool in our Python code for the Micro:Bit



# The Display

Your Micro:Bit has a  $5 \times 5$  display grid of little red LEDs on the front! You can do some cool stuff with the display like:

```
Show an image, like a heart!

while True:

display.show(Image.HEART)

sleep(1000)

display.scroll('Hello')

Scroll a word across the display, like 'Hello'
```

This code is in your **python.makecode.org** coding space - have a look It's indented in a while loop - so it will repeat forever



# Using the Simulator

• Click the arrow on the Simulator to run the code

A heart is displayed for 1 second and then 'Hello'

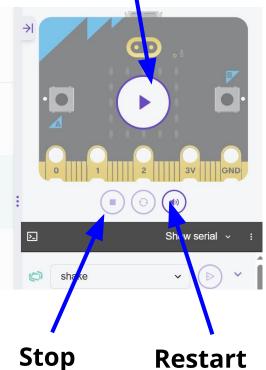
```
Untitled project

I # Imports go at the top
from microbit import *

# Code in a 'while True:' loop repeats forever
while True:
display.show(Image.HEART)
sleep(1000)
display.scroll('Hello')
```

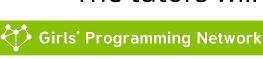
We can run our code on the Simulator or the real micro:bit!

Stop, Restart, Simulator settings are underneath



#### Connect the Micro:Bit

- Tutors will hand out the micro:bits & cables
- Connect the small end of the cable to the top of micro:bit
- Connect the other end to computer USB port
- New micro:bits will play a "Meet the Microbit" program for you to follow:
  - Push the buttons
  - Shake
  - Tilt to catch flashing LED
  - Clap a few times
- The tutors will help you





#### Run the code on the Micro:Bit (Chrome/Edge)

It's fun to mess around with the Micro:Bit on the simulator. Now let's see your code on a Micro:Bit in real life!



#### Run your code on your Micro:Bit like this

- 1. Make sure your Micro:Bit is plugged into your computer
- 2. Click Send to micro:bit | bottom left
- **3.** Follow the prompts
- 4. Choose your micro:bit and click CONNECT
- 5. Wait for the red light on the back of your micro:bit to stop flashing
- 6. Your code should be running on the micro:bit!

You should see a HEART displayed for 1 second and then HELLO Want your code to start again? Press black "**reset**" button on the back



#### Run the code on the Micro:Bit (other browser)

This is for if you don't have the Chrome or Edge browser (eg Safari)

#### Run your code on your Micro:Bit like this

- Make sure your Micro:Bit is plugged into your computer
- 2. Click & Send to micro:bit : bottom left
- 3. Click Close when you get a popup
- 4. Name your project and click Confirm and Save
- Follow the instructions on the popup (drag the file from your downloads folder to the MICROBIT device)
- 6. Wait for the red light on the back of your micro:bit to stop flashing
- 7. Your code should be running on the micro:bit!

You should see a HEART displayed for 1 second and then HELLO Want your code to start again? Press black "**reset**" button on the back



#### Comments

- We use comments to write things in our code for humans!
- The computer ignores comments
- Comments start with a #

# This code was written by Alex

- Programmers use comments to explain what their code does
- You can 'comment out' code to stop it from running

Have a look at the code in the coding space - can you see the purple comments lines starting with the #



#### Mistakes are Great! Errors on the Micro:bit!

- Programmers make A LOT of errors!
- Error messages give us hints on how to fix the problem
- Mistakes don't break computers!
- Lots of unexpected words on the micro:bit is an error message
- Run on the simulator to see it better











(!) line 19 NameError: name 'junge



! line 20 IndentationError: uninde





#### We can learn from our mistakes!



- In your code red dot at the start of the line
- Put the cursor over than line of code to get a hint



## Project Time!

# Let's use our MicroBit! Try Parts 0 & 1 of your Workbook!

The tutors will be around to help!

You've already done the first task!



# Intro to Programming

# What is programming?



# Programming is not a bunch of crazy numbers!

It's giving computers a set of instructions!



# A Special Language

A language to talk to dogs!





Programming is a language to talk to computers

#### People are smart! Computers are dumb!

Programming is creating a set of instructions, like a recipe.

Computers do EXACTLY what you say, every time.

Which is great if you give them a good recipe!

# 3) PUT THE LETTUCE, CARROT AND TOMATO IN THE BOWL 1) GET A LETTUCE HEAD, A CARROT, A TOMATO, A KNIFE, AND A BOWL 3) PUT THE LETTUCE, CARROT AND TOMATO IN THE BOWL

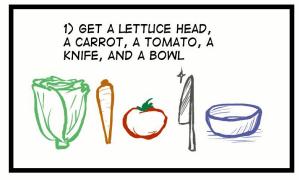
#### People are smart! Computers are dumb!

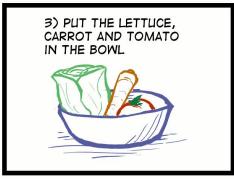
But if your recipe is wrong e.g. get it out of order....

A computer wouldn't know this recipe was wrong.

It would still try to make it anyway!

#### SALAD INSTRUCTIONS







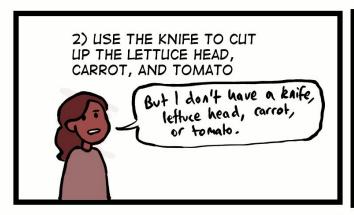


#### People are smart! Computers are dumb!

#### SALAD INSTRUCTIONS

Computers are bad at filling in the gaps!

A computer wouldn't know something was missing, it would just freak out!







# Everyone & everything has strengths!







How is the human brain different from a computer's brain?

## Everyone & everything has strengths!



- Understand instructions very well despite spelling mistakes or typos
- Solve hard problems
- Invent computers and tell them what to do!
- Get smarter by learning



- Only does exactly what humans tell it
- Does it the same way every time
- Will work endlessly
- Really good at being repetitive
- REALLY fast
- Get smarter when humans tell it how

#### No Storing is Boring!

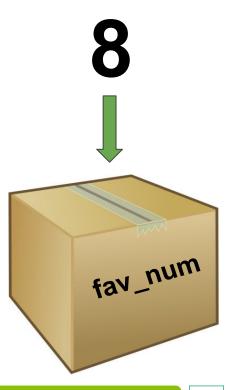
It's useful to be able to remember things for later!
Computers remember things in "variables"

Variables are like putting things into a labelled cardboard box.

Let's make our favourite number 8!

In our code we make a variable and set it to a value like this:

 $fav_num = 8$ 





Instead of writing the number 8, we can write fav\_num. The computer will substitute the fav\_num's current value.



1. fav\_num - 6

3. fav num + 21

2. fav num \* 2



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2. fav\_num \* 2
 16



Instead of writing the number 8, we can write fav\_num.



1. fav\_num - 6
2

3. fav\_num + 21
29

2. fav\_num \* 2
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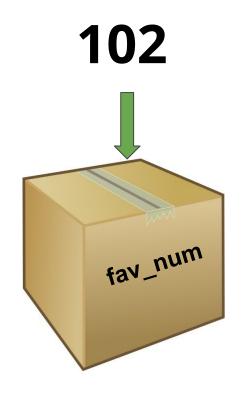
2. fav\_num \* 2
 16

## Variables are useful for storing things that change

Variables contain data that "vary" - hence the word "variable".

Let's change fav\_num to **102**.

**fav num = 102** 



We're able to use our code for a new purpose, without rewriting everything:





#### Reusing variables



We can replace values in variables and print it with text:

```
animal = "dog"
display.scroll("My favourite animal is a " + animal)
animal = "cat"
display.scroll("My favourite animal is a " + animal)
animal = animal + "dog"
display.scroll("My favourite animal is a " + animal)
```

What will this output?





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```

```
My favourite animal is a dog
My favourite animal is a cat
My favourite animal is a catdog
```







Your turn!

>>> 
$$x = 3$$



Your turn!

```
>>> x = 3
>>> display.scroll(x)
3
>>> display.scroll(x + x)
>>> y = x
>>> display.scroll(y)
>>> y = y + 1
>>> display.scroll(y)
```



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>>> x = 3
>>> display.scroll(x)
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X)
6
>>> y = x
>>> display.scroll(y)
3
>>> y = y + 1
>>> display.scroll(y)
4
```

### Strings and Ints - Data Types!

**Strings** can have any characters in them, even just spaces! Strings are surrounded by quotes (" or ')

```
"Hello, world!" "bla bla bla" "abcd1234"
":)" ""'I can use single quotes too!'
```

**Integers** are whole numbers in python - no quotes (") We can do maths with integers but not strings.

```
1 0 22 954865746
```



## Strings and Ints!

Sometimes we need to turn a string into an integer and vice versa so we can use them as we want to in the code

we can turn a string into an integer using int()

we can turn an integer into a string using str()

You'll be doing this in your code!





#### Scroll... Scroll... on the micro:bit

Words are too big to display within a 5x5 grid of lights.

Remember we can display words with **display.scroll()**.

Sometimes the text scrolls across too slowly - you can speed it up with **delay.** 

A smaller delay (eg 100 results in faster scrolling).

The default speed is 150!



#### Multiple Instructions

What happens if we want to change the speed **AND** join variables with strings?

This is how you would do it!:)

```
win_count = 3
display.scroll('Wins: '+ str(win_count), delay=75)

Message

delay
```

See that we need to use **str()** to convert the number win\_count to a string before we can join it (+) with the the other string!



#### Sleep... zzz! ... on the micro:bit

Computers are really fast, sometimes our program moves too quickly to enjoy it!

For example:

We can slow it down by using sleep()

Sleep is done in milliseconds (so the number of seconds x 1000)





#### Project Time!

# Let's use our MicroBit! Try Part 2 of your Workbook!

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## While Loops

## Loops









We know how to do things on repeat!

Sometimes we want to do some code on repeat!

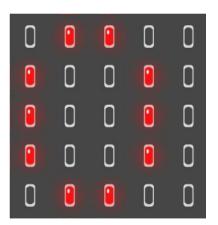
#### What do you think this does?

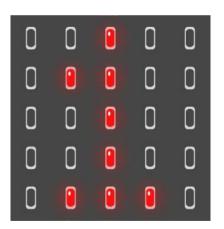
```
i = 0
while i < 3:
    display.scroll(i)
    i = i + 1</pre>
```

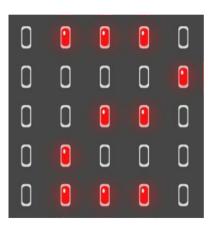


#### What do you think this does?

```
i = 0
while i < 3:
    print(i)
    i = i + 1</pre>
```







Stepping through a while loop...



#### One step at a time!

# i = 0 while i < 3: display.scroll(i) i = i + 1 </pre>

#### One step at a time!

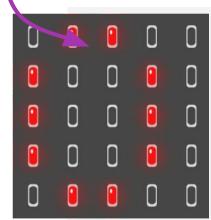
#### 0 is less than 3 !

```
i = 0
while i < 3
display.scroll(i)
i = i + 1</pre>
```

$$i = 0$$

#### One step at a time!

$$i = 0$$



#### One step at a time!

```
i = 0
while i < 3:
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    i = i + 1</pre>
```

```
\frac{i = 0}{i = 1}
update time!
```

#### One step at a time!

```
i = 0

while i < 3:

display.scroll(i)

i = i + 1
```

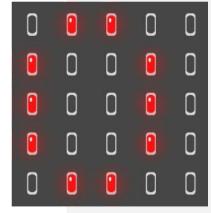
```
<del>i = 0</del>
i = 1
```

#### One step at a time!

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while i < 3
display.scroll(i)
i = i + 1</pre>
```

$$\frac{i}{i} = 0$$

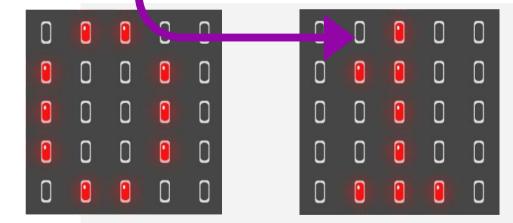


#### One step at a time!

## Print!

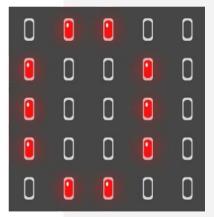
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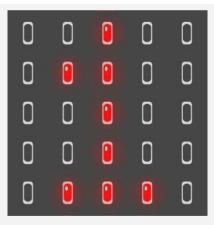
$$\frac{i = 0}{i = 1}$$

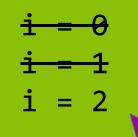


#### One step at a time!

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while i < 3:
   display.scroll(i)
  i = i + 1
```









## One step at a time!

```
i = 0

while i < 3:

display.scroll(i)

i = i + 1
```

```
i = 0
i = 1
i = 2
```

```
      0
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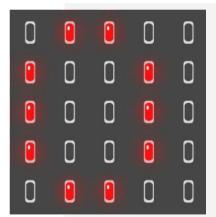
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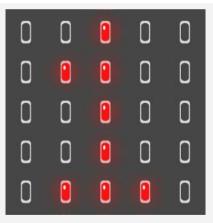
      0
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```

# One step at a time!

2 is less than 3!

```
i = 0
while i < 3
display.scroll(i)
i = i + 1</pre>
```

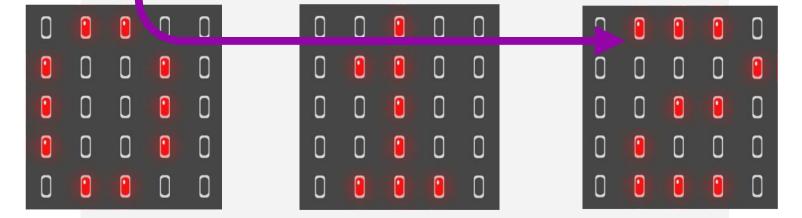




# One step at a time!

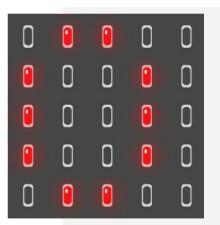
Print!

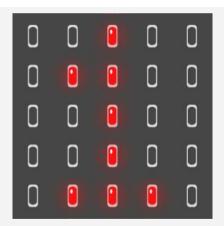
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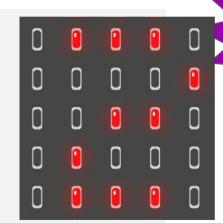


## One step at a time!

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i = 0
while i < 3:
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    i = i + 1</pre>
i = 0
i = 1
i = 1
i = 2
i = 3
```







**MY VARIABLES** 

UPDATE TIME!

# One step at a time!

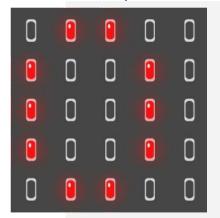
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i = 0

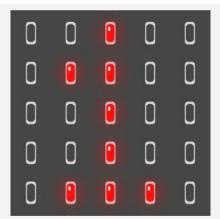
while i < 3:

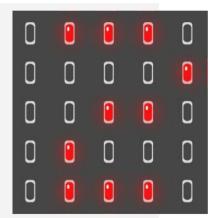
display.scroll(i)

i = i + 1
```

```
i = 0
i = 1
i = 2
i = 3
```







# One step at a time!

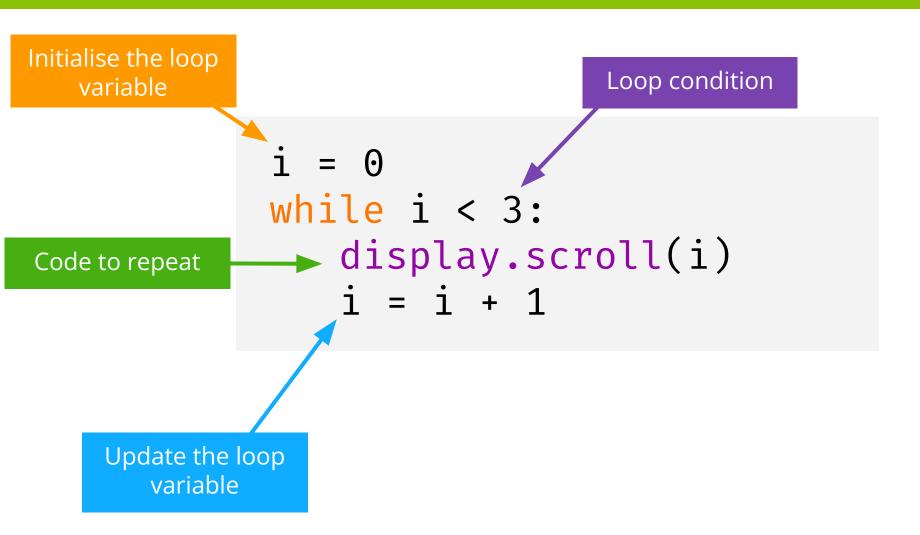
# 3 IS NOT less than

```
while i < 3↔
   display.scroll(i)
```

# 

#### **MY VARIABLES**

are done with this loop!



# What happens when.....

What happens if we forget to update the loop variable?

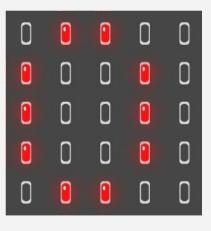
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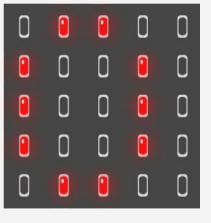


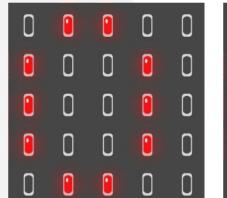
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Tech

Inclusion

# Infinite loop!

Sometimes we want our loop to go forever!

So we set a condition that is always True!

#### We can even just write True!

```
while True:
   display.scroll("Are we there yet?")
```



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We can even just write True!

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```

Are we the



#### Give me a break!

But what if I wanna get out of a loop early? That's when we use the break keyword!

```
from microbit import *
while True:
    display.show(Image.HAPPY)

if button_a.is_pressed():
    break

display.clear()
```



# Micro:Bit Inputs

Conditions let us make a decision.

First we test if the condition is met!

Then maybe we'll do the thing



If it's raining take an umbrella

Yep it's raining

..... take an umbrella



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$$3 + 2 == 5$$



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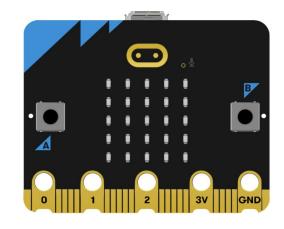
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Your Micro:Bit has 2 buttons: Button A and Button B

You can use this code to check if a button is pressed:



The statement will be **TRUE** if the button is being pressed at that time and it will be **FALSE** if it is *not* being pressed

What do you think this code does?

```
if button_a.was_pressed():
    display.show(Image.HAPPY)

if button_b.was_pressed():
    display.show(Image.SAD)
```

If **button a** is pressed when the Micro:Bit gets to this line of code then what happens?

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#### Accelerometer!

Your micro:bit has a motion sensor (accelerometer).

This sensor has the ability to detect when you shake it or tilt it left to right, backwards and forwards and up and down.

We can use a **while loop** in yoru code like this to continually check if the micro:bit has been shaken:

```
while True:
   if accelerometer.was_gesture('shake'):
```



#### Accelerometer!

What do you think this code does?

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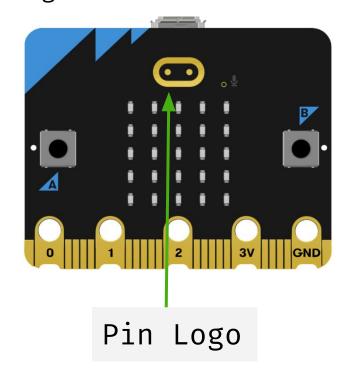
It will display 'I'm getting dizzy' every time the micro:bit is shaken



# Pin Logo!

Your Micro:Bit has touch sensitive pin logo at the top of the Micro:bit.

You can use this code to check if the pin logo is being touched.



# Pin Logo!

What do you think this code does?

```
while True:
   if pin_logo.is_touched():
        display.show(image.DUCK)
   else:
        display.clear()
```



# Pin Logo!

What do you think this code does?

```
while True:
   if pin_logo.is_touched():
        display.show(image.DUCK)
   else:
        display.clear()
```

While the pin is being touched, the duck is displayed on the microbit screen.

While the pin is not being touched, the screen is blank.



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# Project Time!

# Does that press your buttons?

Try to do Parts 4-9!

The tutors will be around to help!



# Tell us what you think!

Click on the **End of Day Form** and fill it in now!