

Lesson 2: Introduction to Cutebots



What Did We Learn Last Class?

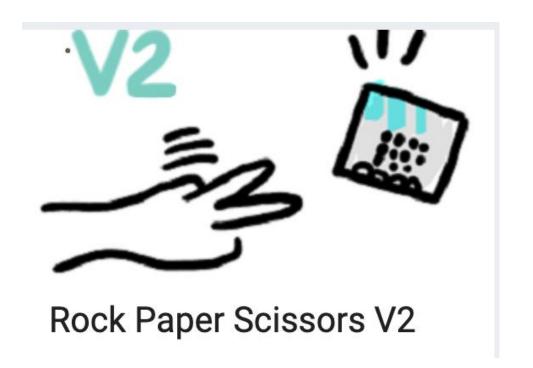
- What are Micro:Bits? What can they do?
- Let's try a tutorial using the accelerometer:

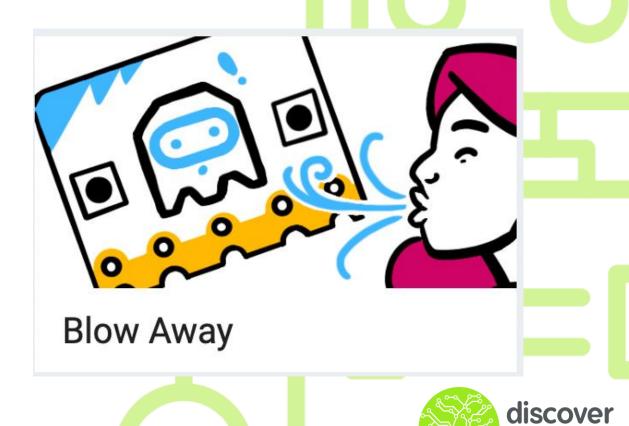




Warmup Tutorials

Some more tutorials to get warmed up

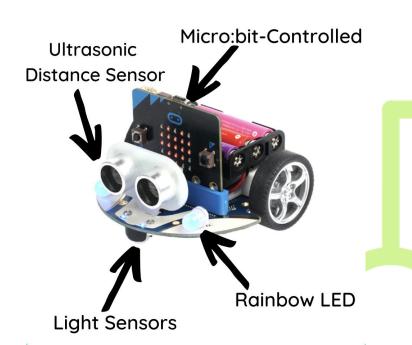




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Intro to Cutebots

- We can give our Micro:Bits a body to let it do more things
- These are called Cutebots
- Cutebots have some extra sensors, lights and wheels!
- We'll talk more about the sensors and lights another day





CuteBot - Rules

- Cutebots are very fragile so we need to be careful with them
- We will not have any food or drinks near them
- We will first code our Micro:Bits outside of the Cutebot, then plug it into the Cutebot gently
- While they are moving, we will not block their movement for a long time
- Do not bend any of the pins for the servo or the ultrasonic sensor (the eyes)



CuteBot Rules:

- 1. Only run bots on designated mats
- 2. Limit speed to < 75% (unless otherwise specified)
- 3. Unplug batteries when not in use
- 4. Do not drop the CuteBots

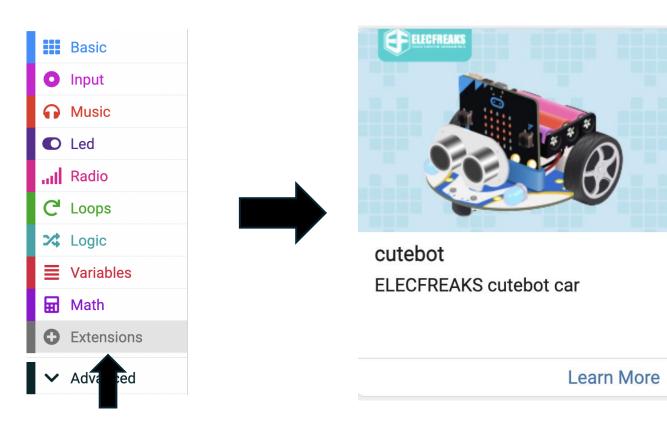
If you break any of these rules, you can choose:

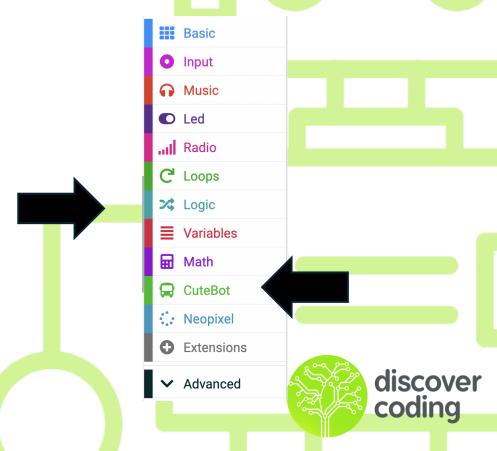
- A. Do 3 burpees
- B. Sing "I'm a Little Teapot" song
- C. Do 10 jumping jacks



First Cutebot Program

- We are going to create our first program for our Cutebot
- First we need to add the extension in makecode.microbit.org





Making it Move

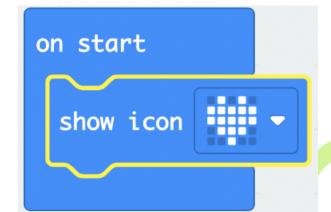
Lets start by making our Cutebot move forward and backwards:



Download and test our code!

All of our old code for the regular Micro:Bit can be used to make it

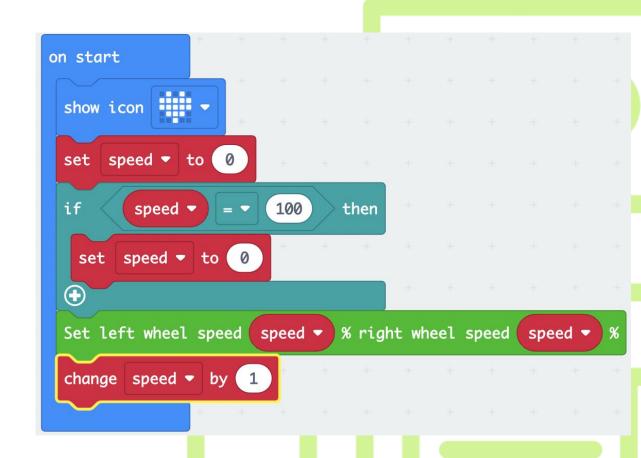
more exciting!





More Practice

- What do you think the program will do?
- Try re-creating it
- What happens if I change the 100 to a 50?
- How can I make it start really fast and gradually get slower?



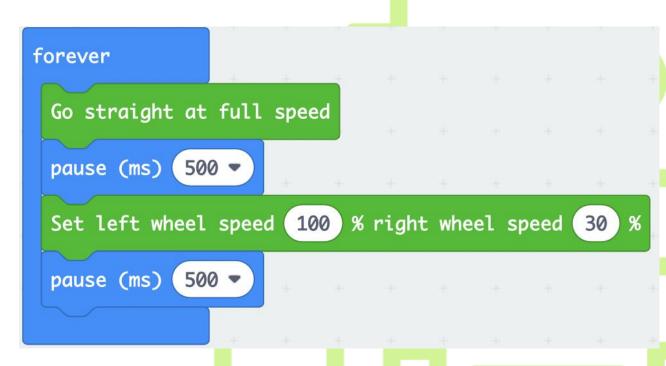


Turning

What do you think the program will do?

Try re-creating it

 How would we make it turn the other way?



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Make it Dance!

Let's try making our Cutebot car move in a figure-eight pattern

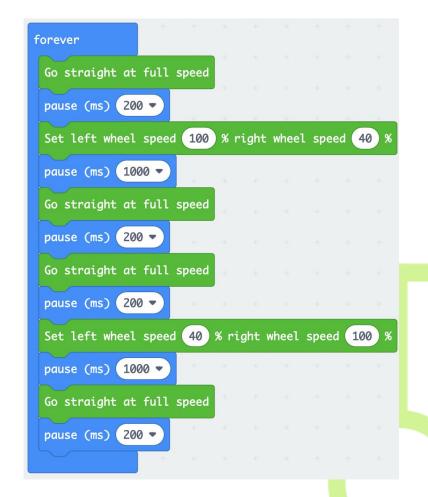
Try making it on your own first or while working with a friend

 How fast should your Cutebot go? How long should it be turning for? How much should it be turning?



One Solution

Here's one way to make our Cutebot go in a figure-eight pattern:





Your Turn

- Use what we've learned so far to make your Cutebot do a unique dance
- Make it more exciting!
 - Add an animation to the LED screen while it dances
 - Make it play music
 - Try having it react to sound

