

SMART SERVO GUIDES: RE-CODING

This guide will show you how to alter the code on your Smart Servo.

1: Choosing a Text Editor

The code that comes pre-installed on the Smart Servo is written in Circuit Python. This Python coding can be read and edited by nearly anything that can open a text file. We recommend using a text editing program that will recognize the Python code and colorize it for readability. Here are three text editors we recommend:



CODE PAD

- Best option for Chromebooks
- Free Chrome Extension
- Install guide at tinyurl.com/CodePadInstall



SUBLIME TEXT

- Works on Mac & PC (Used in guides below)
- Free install
- Download at <https://www.sublimetext.com/>

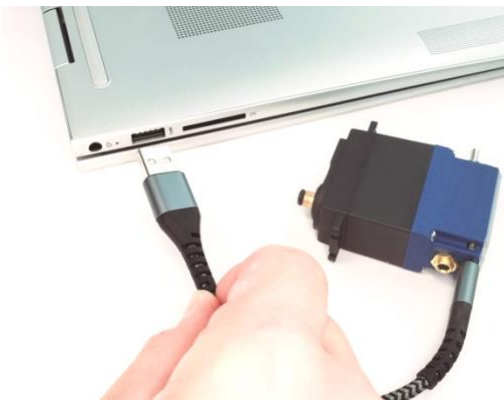


CIRCUIT PYTHON CODE

- Web-based
- Includes Serial Monitor
- Access at <https://code.circuitpython.org/>

2: Accessing the Programming that Came with Your Smart Servo

Step 1: Connect one end of the Micro-USB cable to the Smart Servo and the other end to the USB port of the computer you want to use to program.



Step 2: Like an external drive, the Smart Servo will appear with the name **CIRCUITPY**. Open this drive and find the file **code.py**. Open this file with your text editor.



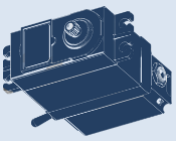
CIRCUITPY



code.py



Open with Text Editor



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3: Starting with 'snips' of code

The base code that is used in the Getting Started Guide was developed and tested in Adapted Physical Education equipment created for students with physical disabilities. This default code can be found in the first lines of the code.py file. This code can be edited, saved, and tested.

To start working with "snips" of code, we're going to use three single apostrophes written as ''' before and after the base code. This will gray-out the code and cause the Smart Servo to ignore this code when it runs. To start working with a snip, simply remove one of the apostrophes before and after the snip (''' ->''')

```

48     time.sleep(0.0)
49     '''
50     '''
51     #Snippet #1 - Blinking Red LED
52     import time
53     import board
54     from digitalio import DigitalInOut, Direction, Pull
55     led = DigitalInOut(board.LED)
56     led.direction = Direction.OUTPUT
57     while True:
58         led.value = 1
59         time.sleep(1)
60         led.value = 0
61         time.sleep(.5)
62     '''
63     '''
64     #Snippet #2 - Switch Detector

```

Smart Servo ignores all code after line 49.

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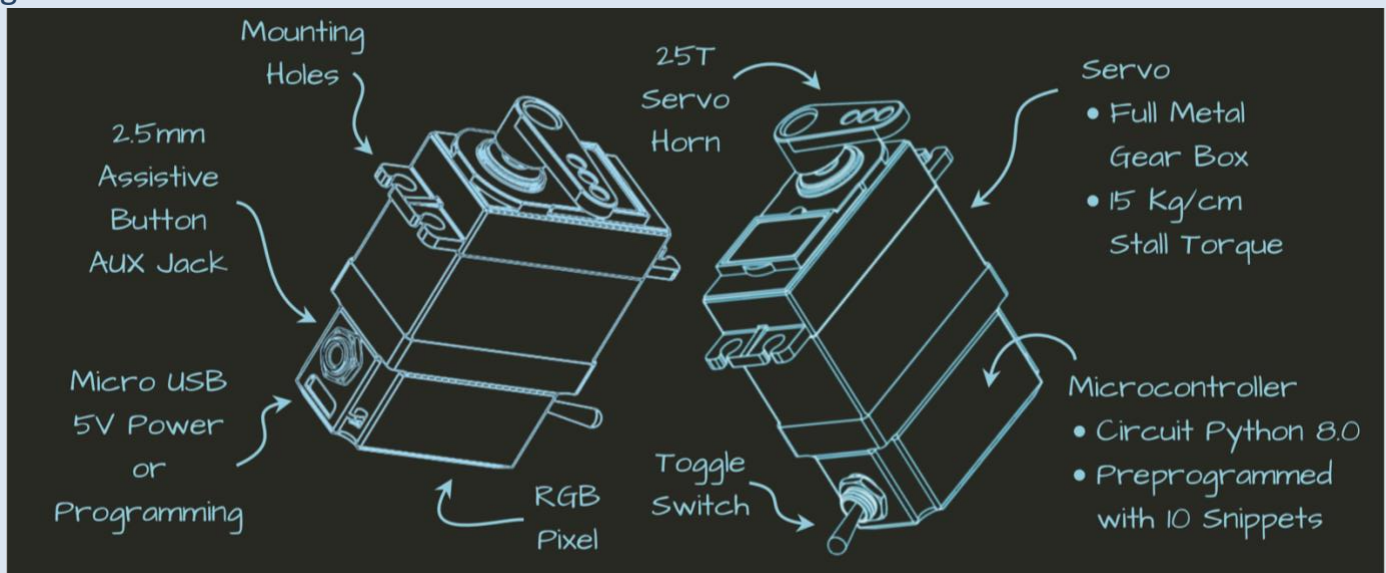
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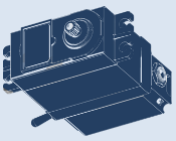
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Smart Servo ignores all code except lines 50 to 62.

4: Parts of the Smart Servo

As some of the code refers to specific components of the Smart Servo, the diagram below gives us a chance to review some of the main features.

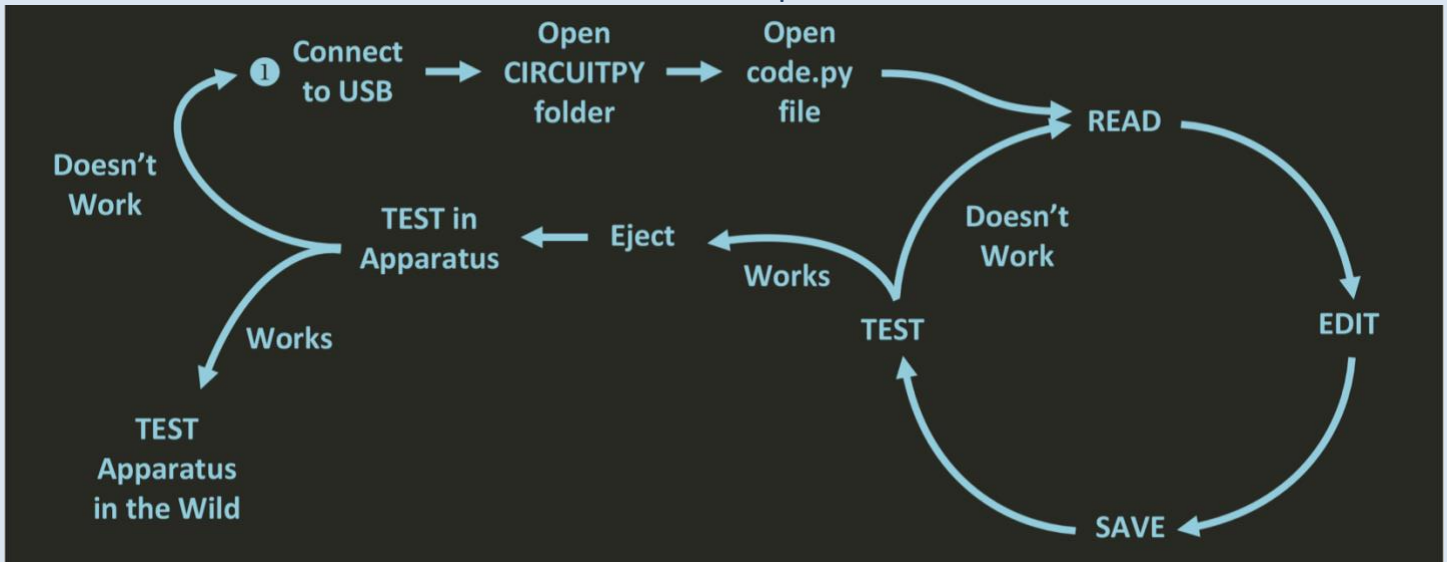




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5: Feedback Loop

Because the Smart Servo’s micro controller does all of the code compiling right in real time, it’s easy to establish a rapid feedback loop. This graphics below summarizes this starting with ① where we connected the Smart Servo to a computer.

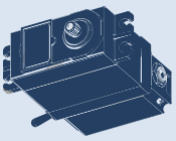


6: Work through each Snippet.

It is recommended that beginners start by working through each snippet on the Smart Servo. Each snippet introduces a new input or output or shows how different strategies can be used to make the Smart Servo more sophisticated in what it can do. With each snippet, try to mess with some of the code to see what it does. If something stops working, undo the step that made it stop working. If things get really out of whack, replace the files on the Smart Servo with the ones found here:

tinyurl.com/SmartServoSnpis

Below, you’ll find the snips with some reminders and references. Also included is a flow chart to illustrate the logic behind each snippet.

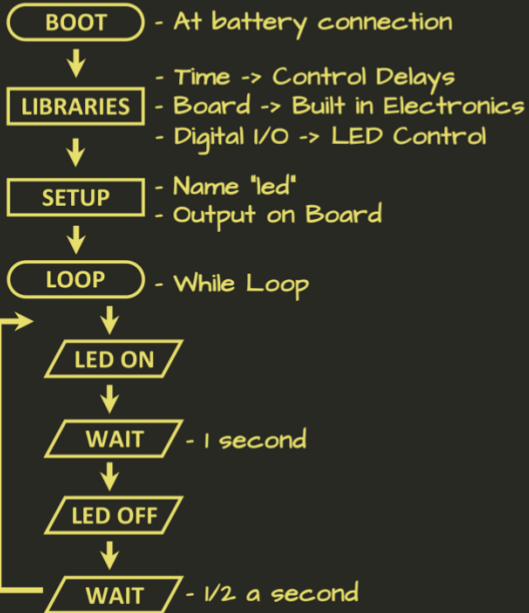


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SIMPLE I/O

BLINKING RED LED



```

import time
import board
from digitalio import DigitalInOut, Direction, Pull
  
```

```

led = DigitalInOut(board.LED)
led.direction = Direction.OUTPUT
  
```

```

while True:
    led.value = 1
    time.sleep(1)
    led.value = 0
    time.sleep(.5)
  
```

SNIPPET #1



SIMPLE I/O

BLINKING RED LED

```

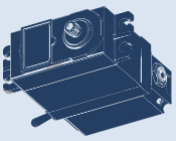
1 #Snippet #1 - Blinking Red LED ← Light Emitting Diode
2 import time
3 import board
4 from digitalio import DigitalInOut, Direction, Pull
5 led = DigitalInOut(board.LED)
6 led.direction = Direction.OUTPUT
7 while True:
8     led.value = 1
9     time.sleep(1)
10    led.value = 0
11    time.sleep(.5)
  
```

Snippets are available to copy, paste, and modify from here:

tinyurl.com/SmartServoSnips

SNIPPET #1



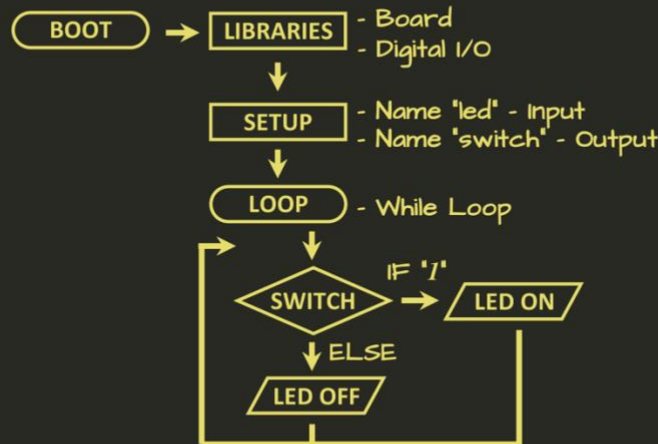


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SIMPLE I/O

SWITCH DETECTOR



SNIPPET #2



SIMPLE I/O

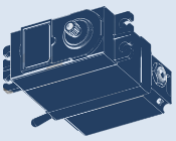
SWITCH DETECTOR

```

1 #Snippet #2 - Switch Detector
2 import board
3 from digitalio import DigitalInOut, Direction, Pull
4 led = DigitalInOut(board.LED)
5 led.direction = Direction.OUTPUT
6 switch = DigitalInOut(board.D1)
7 switch.direction = Direction.INPUT
8 switch.pull = Pull.DOWN
9 while True:
10     if switch.value == 1:
11         led.value = 1
12     else:
13         led.value = 0
  
```

When the switch is "on" the signal at D1 is connected to high (5V)

SNIPPET #2

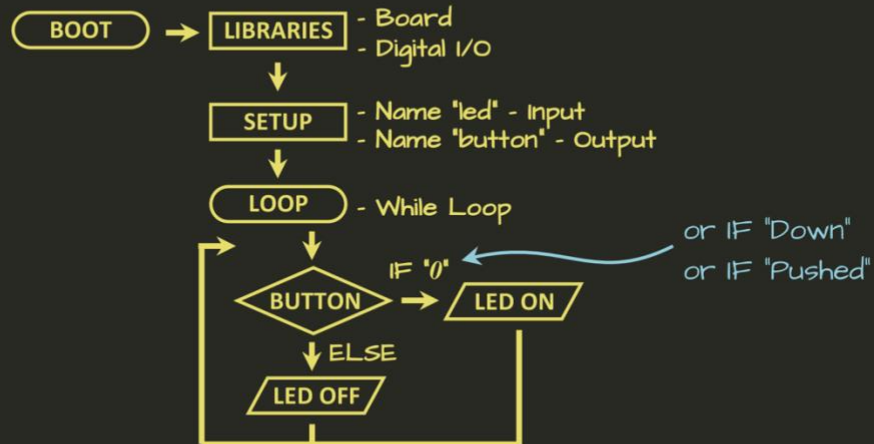


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SIMPLE I/O

BUTTON DETECTOR



SNIPPET #3



SIMPLE I/O

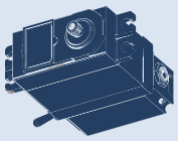
BUTTON DETECTOR

```

1 #Snippet #3 - Button Detector
2 import board
3 from digitalio import DigitalInOut, Direction, Pull
4 led = DigitalInOut(board.LED)
5 led.direction = Direction.OUTPUT
6 button = DigitalInOut(board.D2)
7 button.direction = Direction.INPUT
8 button.pull = Pull.UP
9 while True:
10     if button.value == 0:
11         led.value = 1
12     else:
13         led.value = 0
  
```

When the button is "on" the signal at D2 is connected to low (Ground)

SNIPPET #3

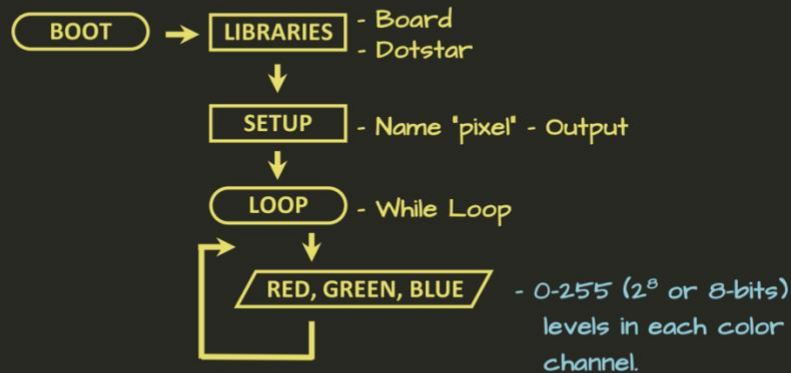


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SIMPLE I/O

COLOR PICKER



SNIPPET #4



SIMPLE I/O

COLOR PICKER

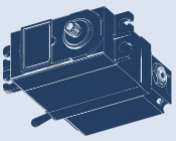
```

1 #Snippet #4 - Color Picker
2 import board
3 import adafruit_dotstar
4 pixel = adafruit_dotstar.DotStar(board.APA102_SCK, board.APA102_MOSI, 1)
5 while True:
6     pixel[0] = (145,5,255)
  
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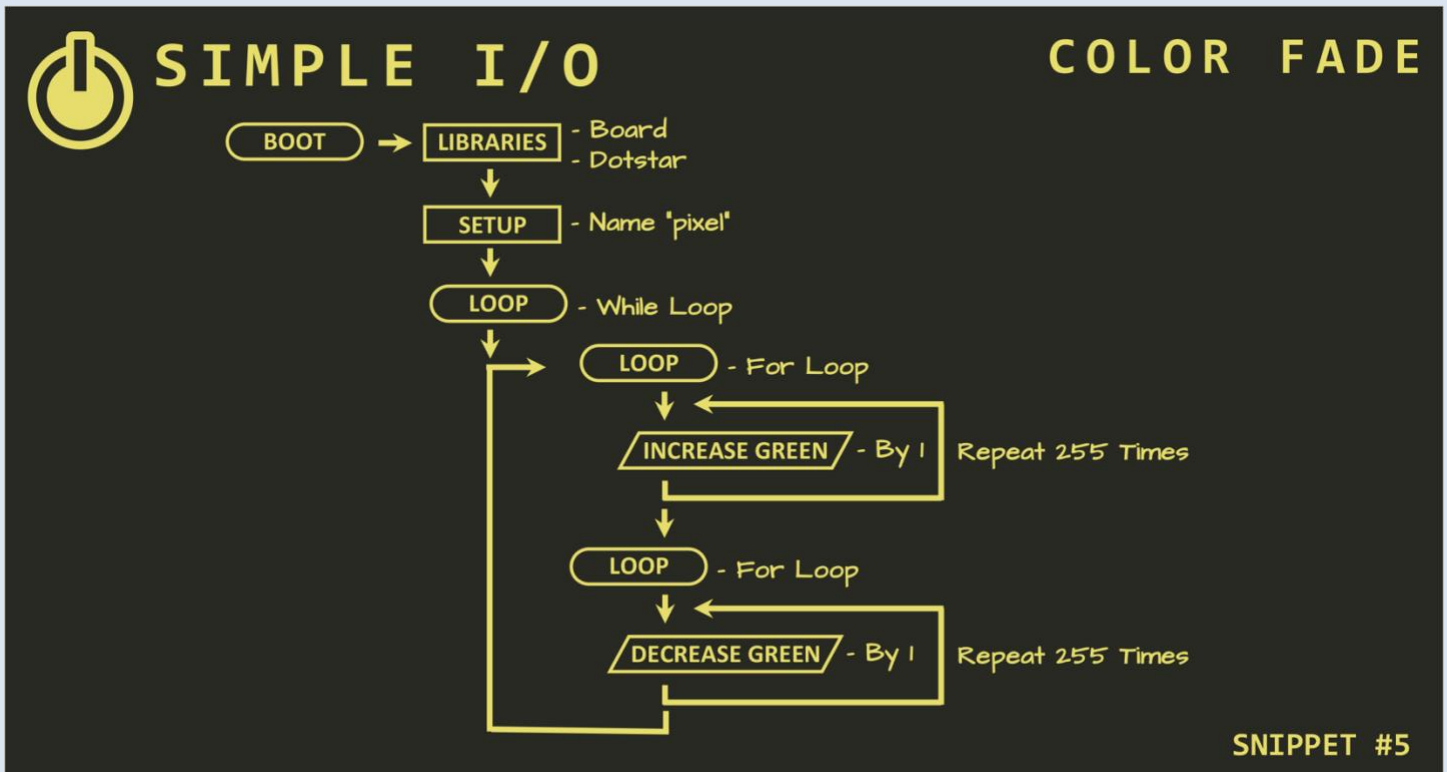
Some common colors



SNIPPET #4



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SIMPLE I/O **COLOR FADE**

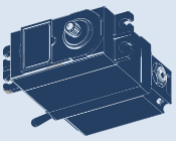
```

1  #Snippet #5 - Color Fade
2  import time
3  import board
4  import adafruit_dotstar
5  pixel = adafruit_dotstar.DotStar(board.APA102_SCK, board.APA102_MOSI, 1)
6  while True:
7      for i in range (0,255,1):
8          pixel[0] = (0,i,0)
9          time.sleep(.01)
10     for i in range (255,0,-1):
11         pixel[0] = (0,i,0)
12         time.sleep(.01)
  
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`for i in range (0 , 255 , 1):`
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 Starting Ending Changing
 Value Value Value

SNIPPET #5



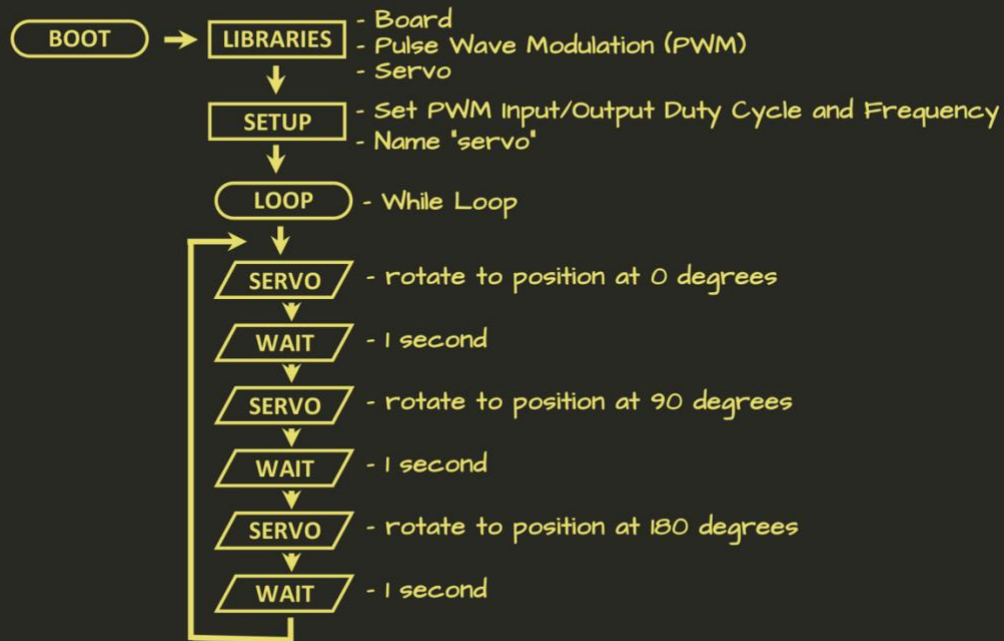


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SIMPLE I/O

SERVO RANGE



SNIPPET #6

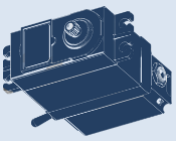


SIMPLE I/O

SERVO RANGE

```
1 #Snippet #6 - Servo Range
2 import time
3 import board
4 import pwmio
5 import servo
6 pwm = pwmio.PWMOut(board.A2, duty_cycle=2 ** 15, frequency=50)
7 servo = servo.Servo(pwm)
8 while True:
9     servo.angle = 0
10    time.sleep(1)
11    servo.angle = 90
12    time.sleep(1)
13    servo.angle = 180
14    time.sleep(1)
```

SNIPPET #6

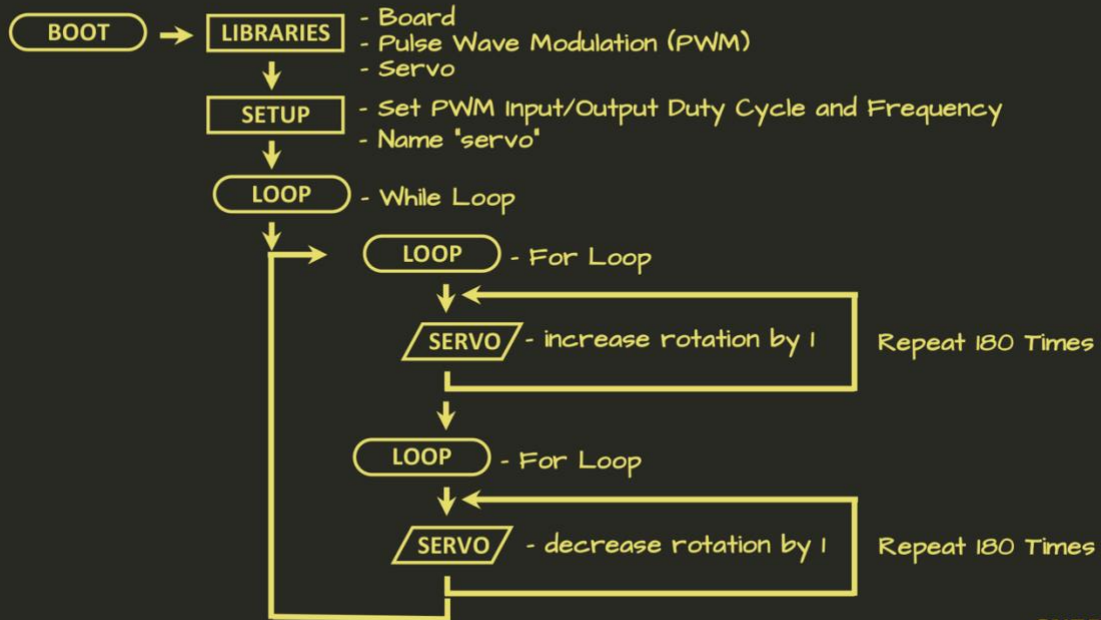


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SIMPLE I/O

SERVO SWEEP



SNIPPET #7



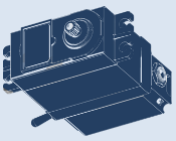
SIMPLE I/O

SERVO SWEEP

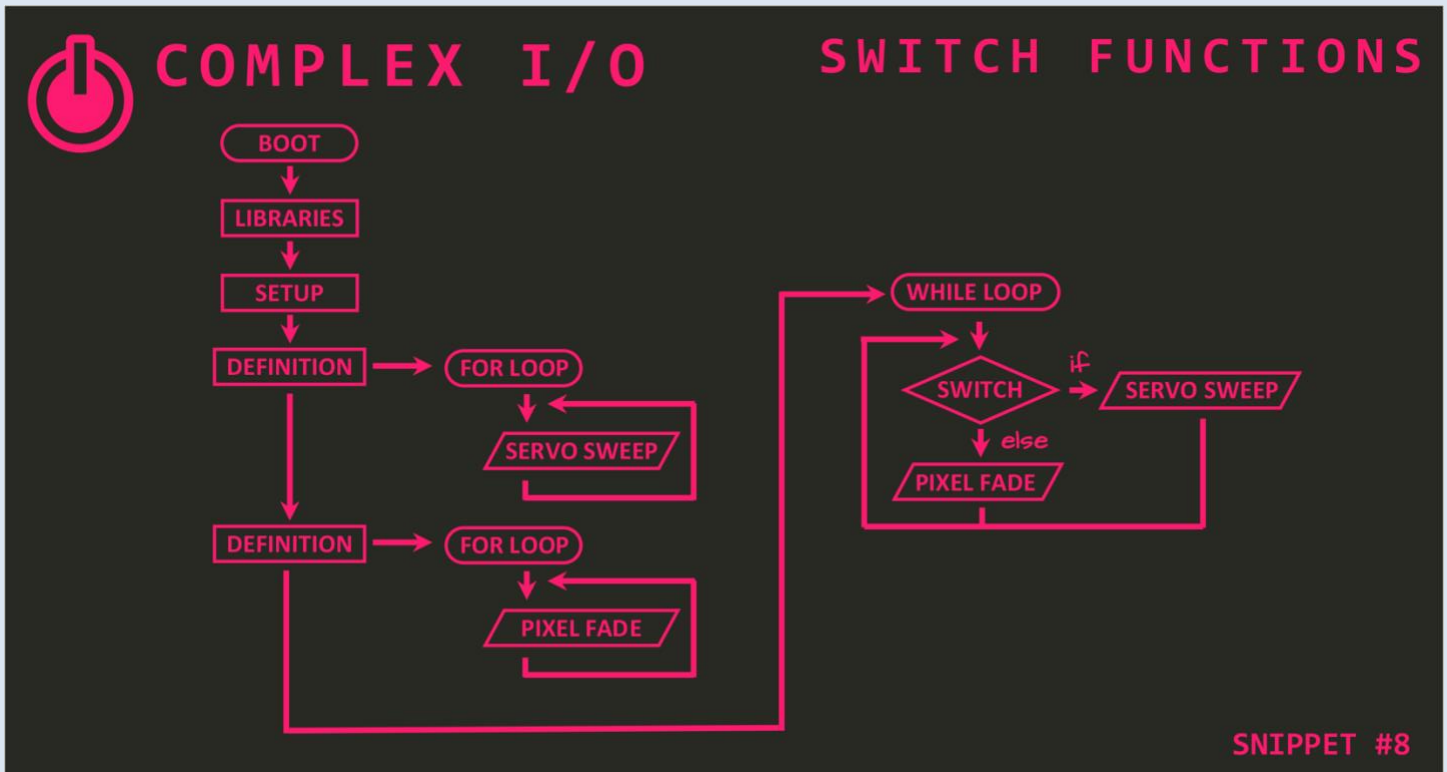
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1  #Snippet #7 - Servo Sweep
2  import time
3  import board
4  import pwmio
5  import servo
6  pwm = pwmio.PWMOut(board.A2, duty_cycle=2 ** 15, frequency=50)
7  servo = servo.Servo(pwm)
8  while True:
9      for i in range (0,180,1):
10         servo.angle = i
11         time.sleep(.01)
12         for i in range (180,0,-1):
13             servo.angle = i
14             time.sleep(.01)
  
```

SNIPPET #7



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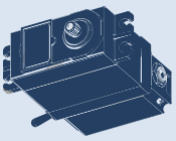


```

1  #Snippet #8 - Switch Functions
2  import time
3  import board
4  from digitalio import DigitalInOut, Direction, Pull
5  switch = DigitalInOut(board.D1)
6  switch.direction = Direction.INPUT
7  switch.pull = Pull.DOWN
8  import pwmio
9  import servo
10 pwm = pwmio.PWMOut(board.A2, duty_cycle=2 ** 15, frequency=50)
11 servo = servo.Servo(pwm)
12 def servosweep():
13     for i in range (0,180,1):
14         servo.angle = i
15         time.sleep(.01)
16     for i in range (180,0,-1):
17         servo.angle = i
18         time.sleep(.01)
19 import adafruit_dotstar
20 pixel = adafruit_dotstar.DotStar(board.APA102_SCK, board.APA102_MOSI, 1)
21 def pixelfade():
22     for i in range (0,255,1):
23         pixel[0] = (0,0,i)
24         time.sleep(.01)
25     for i in range (255,0,-1):
26         pixel[0] = (0,0,i)
27         time.sleep(.01)
28 while True:
29     if switch.value == 1:
30         servosweep()
31     else:
32         pixelfade()

```

SNIPPET #8

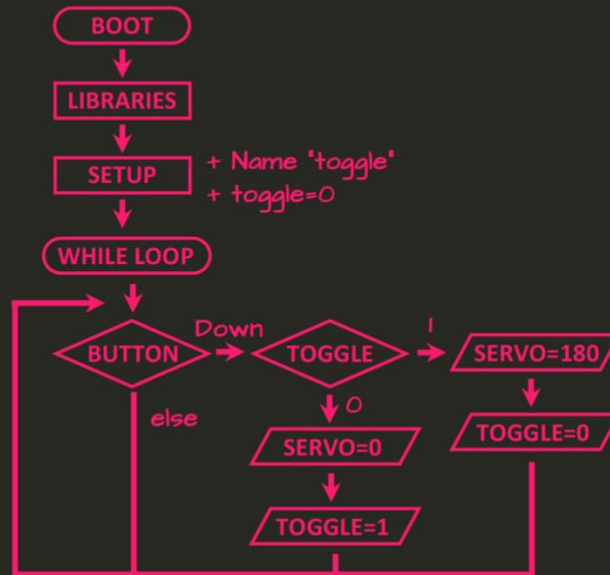


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COMPLEX I/O

TOGGLE BUTTON



SNIPPET #9



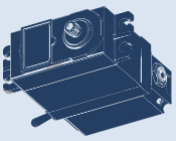
COMPLEX I/O

TOGGLE BUTTON

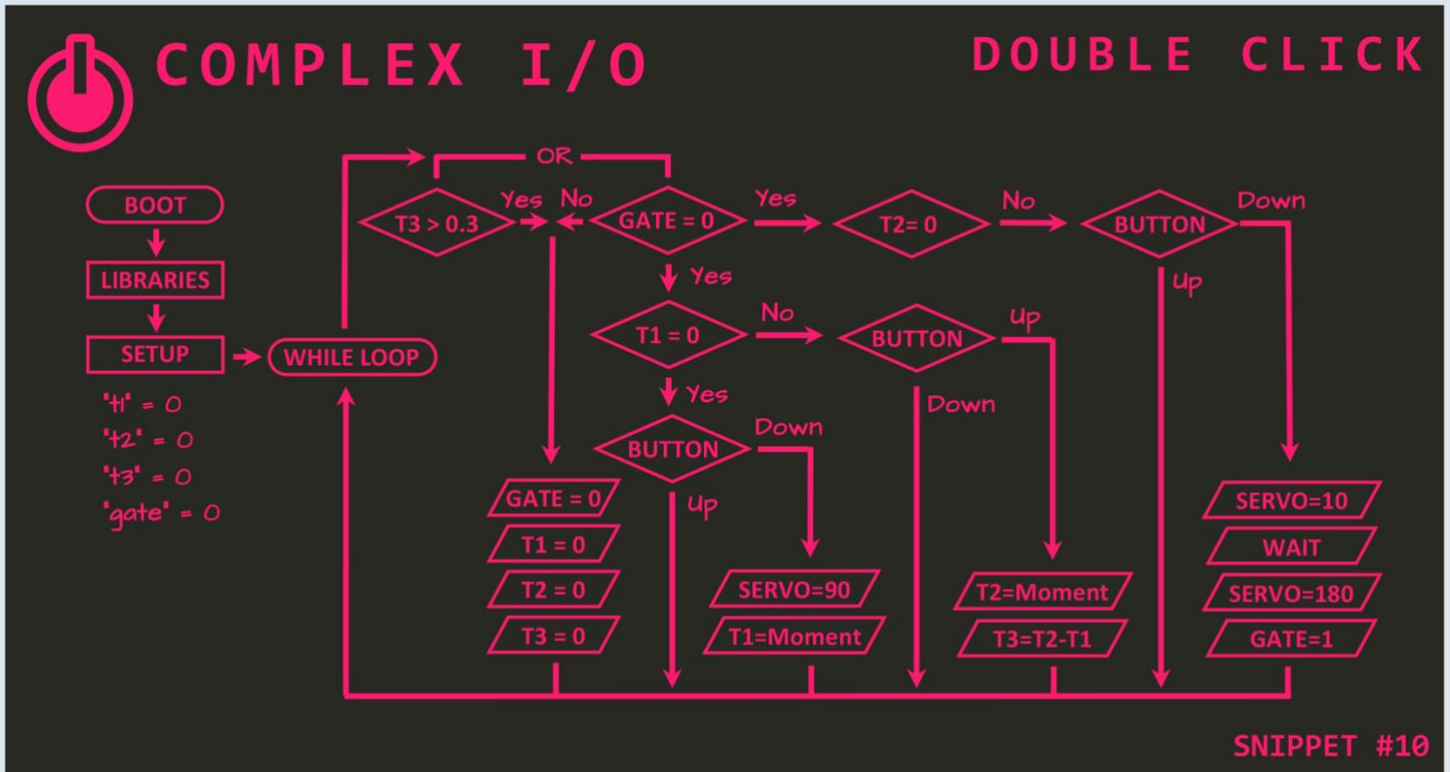
```

1 #Snippet #9 - Toggle Button
2 import time
3 import board
4 from digitalio import DigitalInOut, Direction, Pull
5 button = DigitalInOut(board.D2)
6 button.direction = Direction.INPUT
7 button.pull = Pull.UP
8 import pwmio
9 import servo
10 pwm = pwmio.PWMOut(board.A2, duty_cycle=2 ** 15, frequency=50)
11 servo = servo.Servo(pwm)
12 toggle = 0
13 while True:
14     if button.value == 0 and toggle == 0:
15         servo.angle = 0
16         time.sleep(1)
17         toggle = 1
18     elif button.value == 1 and toggle == 1:
19         servo.angle = 180
20         time.sleep(1)
21         toggle = 0
  
```

SNIPPET #9



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DOUBLE CLICK **COMPLEX I/O**

```

1 #Snippet#10 - Double Click
2 import board
3 import pwmio
4 import servo
5 pwm = pwmio.PWMOut(board.A2, duty_cycle=2 ** 15, frequency=50)
6 servo = servo.Servo(pwm)
7 from digitalio import DigitalInOut, Direction, Pull
8 button = DigitalInOut(board.D2)
9 button.direction = Direction.INPUT
10 button.pull = Pull.UP
11 import time
12 t1=0
13 t2=0
14 t3=0
15 gate=0
16 while True:
17     if button.value==0 and t1==0 and gate==0:
18         servo.angle=90
19         t1=time.monotonic()
20     if button.value==1 and t1!=0 and gate==0:
21         t2=time.monotonic()
22         t3=t2-t1
23     if button.value==0 and t2!=0 and t3<=.3 and gate==0:
24         gate=1
25         servo.angle=10
26         time.sleep(1)
27         servo.angle=180
28     if gate==1 or t3>.3:
29         t1=0
30         t2=0
31         t3=0
32         gate=0
  
```

SNIPPET #10