



CODEBOT MISSION 4 LOG - Lesson 2

Pre-Mission Warm-Up

What line of code increments a counter?

Answer should be code, and any variable can be used:
`count = count + 1`

How can you avoid a ValueError?

Answers can be either explained, or shown with code:
To avoid a ValueError, the number of an LED must be within the correct range. For user LEDs, the value must be between 0 and 7.
`if n_led == 8:`
`n_led = 0`

Mission 4 Lesson 2 – Animatronics

Mission 4 Introduction (Review)

What is the second step outlined in the notes?

Each guest presses a button as they enter the small entrance room.
When 5 guests have entered, the show starts!

What is the second project goal?

Blink the red user LEDs constantly in a cool pattern.

Mission 4 Objective 4

- Create a new file **CountGuests**. Follow the slides to write your code.

How can you stop an infinite loop?

By using a `break` statement.

Mission 4 Objective 5

What does it mean to increment a variable?

Add one to it.

What is the code for turning on a line sensor LED, using a variable?

`leds.ls_num(n_guests, True)`

After you add code to the program and run it, what did the program do?

The CodeBot starts off without any LEDs on. Then, each time BTN-0 is pressed, a green line sensor LED turns on. When all five are on, the program stops.

Students may observe that one button press actually lights up two LEDs. This is a button bounce, and will be addressed in Obj. 7. If students bring it up now, refer back to their comments in Obj. 7.

Mission 4 Objective 6

What functions turn on and off the CodeBot speaker?

`spkr.pitch()` - with a frequency in Hertz
`spkr.off()`

Mission 4 Objective 7

How do you keep the buttons from bouncing?	Add in a short delay, and then reset the internal status by calling the <code>buttons.was_pressed()</code> function again.
Mission 4 Quiz	
Take the quiz. Which questions did you miss? Are there any concepts you need to review?	<p>Answers will vary.</p> <p>The third question has a while loop that isn't infinite. It has the condition <code>i < 3</code>. This hasn't been covered yet, and the variable <code>i</code> is incremented outside the loop, so it becomes an infinite loop. You may need to go over this question.</p>
Post-Mission Reflection	
Explain the steps for counting guests.	<p>Answers can vary. The answer may be a couple of sentences that discuss this, or a step-by-step algorithm.</p> <p>To count guests, you need a variable to keep track of the button presses. Increment it each time the button is pressed. Then break the loop when the number of guests is reached.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define a count variable (<code>n_guests</code>) and initialize to 0 • Use an infinite loop • Use an if statement to check for a button press. • If the button is pressed • Turn on the next line sensor LED • Increment the count variable (<code>n_guests</code>) • Compare the count variable to the max number. • If it is the max number, break the loop
What does it mean to “debounce” a button?	<p>Answers can vary. Possible answer:</p> <p>To debounce a button, you need to wait for the metal contact to settle down before checking again. Use these steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detect a bounce • Wait for the contact to settle • Reset the internal status to False by calling <code>buttons.was_pressed()</code> again