



# 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: <code>count = count + 1</code>
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. <code>if n_led == 8:     n_led = 0</code>

## 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.
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### 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?	<code>leds.ls_num(n_guests, True)</code>
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?	<code>spkr.pitch()</code> - with a frequency in Hertz <code>spkr.off()</code>
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### 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.
<b>Mission 4 Quiz</b>	
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 &lt; 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>
<b>Post-Mission Reflection</b>	
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"> <li>• Define a count variable (<code>n_guests</code>) and initialize to 0</li> <li>• Use an infinite loop</li> <li>• Use an if statement to check for a button press.</li> <li>• If the button is pressed</li> <li>• Turn on the next line sensor LED</li> <li>• Increment the count variable (<code>n_guests</code>)</li> <li>• Compare the count variable to the max number.</li> <li>• If it is the max number, break the loop</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• Detect a bounce</li> <li>• Wait for the contact to settle</li> <li>• Reset the internal status to False by calling <code>buttons.was_pressed()</code> again</li> </ul>