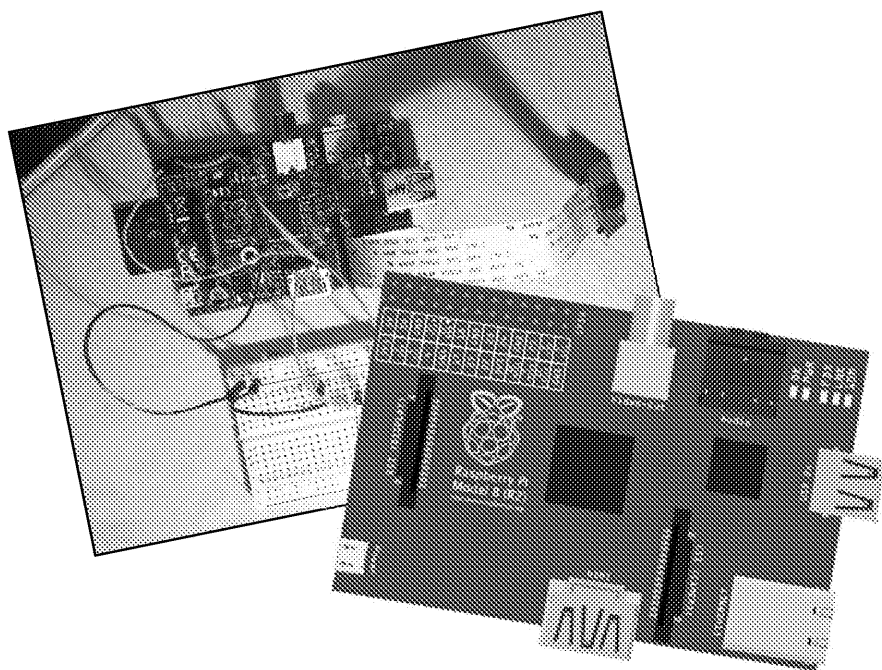


# Raspberry Pi Projects

*Using Python v3*



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# TEACHER'S INTRODUCTION

This resource contains a variety of projects aimed at a range of ability levels. The projects are designed to be interactive and fun. They start at an easy level such as *Benchmarking the Raspberry Pi*, and progress to much more complex projects such as creating a *Digital Camera*. Each project is marked with a time duration (short, medium or long) and a difficulty rating (easy, medium or hard).

Each project also includes an extension section and a 'stretch yourself' section. These are intended for students who wish to challenge themselves further after completing the main project tasks.

Some projects are dependent on (or at least refer to information in) other projects. If students are going to start using the add-ons to the Raspberry Pi, the project they need to start with, which has all the main information in it about this, is the *Binary Conversion*. This explains how to use breadboards, LEDs and buttons.

## Important:

**Extreme care should be taken when creating circuits with breadboards, jumper leads and resistors.**

At the back of the resource are answers and solutions for every challenge. The full python code for each exercise is not printed but is included on the CD-ROM.



The accompanying CD-ROM includes full python scripts for each project, plus videos demonstrating three of the projects in action.

## Prior Knowledge

The projects make use of the **Python (v3)** programming language, and students will require prior understanding of Python to complete the tasks. They will need to know how to:

- Create an input for the user
- Output any information the user needs
- Create a sequence
- Use selection including conditions
- Create both counting loops and condition loops

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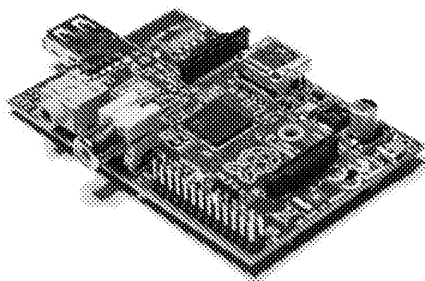
# INTRODUCTION TO THE RAS

The Raspberry Pi is a credit-card-sized computer developed in the Raspberry Pi Foundation. It is a very capable little computer that can be used for fun electronic projects, some of which have been included in the book.

One of the great things about the Raspberry Pi is that there is no limit to what it can do. It is a flexible platform that can be used for anything from creating a simple robot to making a camera. The low price of the Raspberry Pi has meant that it has become a popular experiment in creating a wealth of different projects.

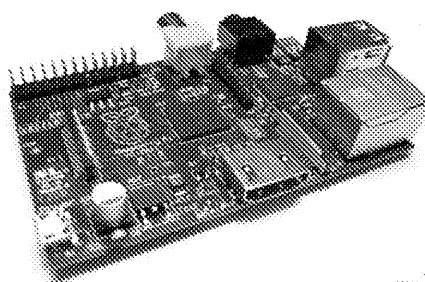
## The Raspberry Pi

There are three main models of the Raspberry Pi:



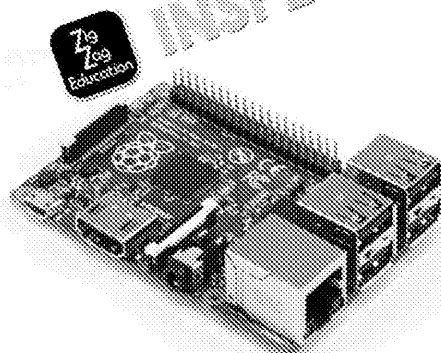
### Model A

This is the lower-spec model of the Raspberry Pi. It is a lighter model that costs less and is often used in embedded systems for various reasons. The model A does not have a camera chip.



### Model B

This is the original model of the Raspberry Pi. It is higher in spec than the Model A and does have an Ethernet chip.



### Model B+

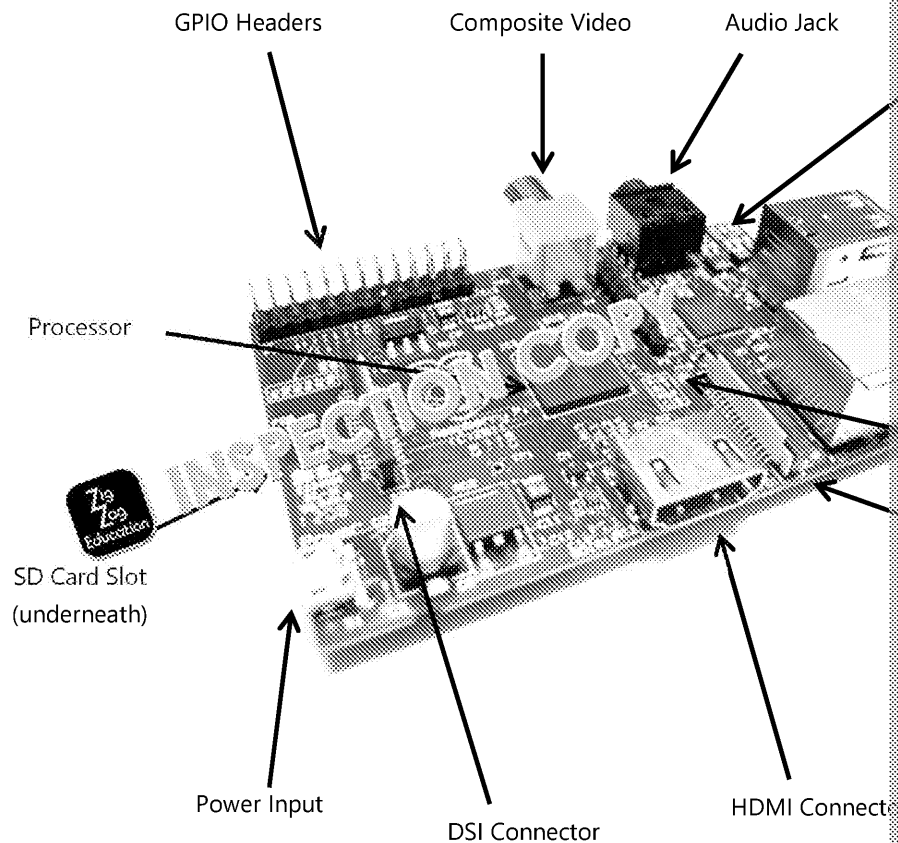
This is the highest-spec model of the Raspberry Pi. It replaced the model B and has many additional extras to it, including more USB ports, more GPIO pins, lower power consumption and better audio.

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# A Closer Look at the Raspberry Pi (Model B)



## PROCESSOR

This is an ARM chip that is 32-bit and 700 MHz system. It has 512KB of cache.

## GENERAL PURPOSE INPUT AND OUTPUT (GPIO) HEADERS

The GPIO headers consist of two rows of 13 pins that can be connected to various sensors and outputs. You can program the Raspberry Pi to say which the pins are inputs and outputs.

## COMPOSITE VIDEO

This is a standard RCA connector that provides video signals. It can be used for standard-definition video. For higher-definition video the HDMI connector is used.

## AUDIO JACK

This is a standard 3.5mm mini analogue audio jack. It can be used to connect headphones or speakers.

## STATUS LEDs

There are five LEDs that provide feedback about the system:

- ACT – This is a green LED that lights up when the SD card is active.
- PWR – This is a red LED that lights up when power is connected.
- FDX – This is a green LED that lights up if the Ethernet connection is active.
- LNK – This is a green LED that lights up when Ethernet is connected.
- 100 – This is a yellow LED that lights up when the connection is 100Mbps.

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**USB PORTS**

There are two USB 2.0 ports on the model B (one on the mode to connect a mouse and keyboard.

**ETHERNET PORT**

This can be used to connect the Raspberry Pi to the internet. A also be used in a USB port to do this.

**JOINT TEST ACTION GROUP (JTAG) HEADERS**

These headers are not generally used when using the Raspberry programming, testing and debugging the device in production

**THE CAMERA SERIAL INTERFACE (CSI) CONNECTOR**

This port allows a camera module to be connected directly to t

**HIGH-DEFINITION MULTIMEDIA INTERFACE (HDMI) CONNECTOR**

This provides digital video and audio output and enables a mo The HDMI signal can be converted to DVI, composite or SCART adapters if needed.

**DISPLAY SERIAL INTERFACE (DSi) CONNECTOR**

This is used to connect a 15-pin flat ribbon cable that can be u screen.

**POWER INPUT**

This allows power to be connected using a micro USB.

**SECURE DIGITAL (SD) CARD SLOT**

This is used to insert an SD card that will store the operating sy Raspberry Pi.

## The Basic Kit

This is the basic set of kit that you will need when using the Ra

**USB KEYBOARD AND MOUSE**

A USB connection is needed on a keyboard and mouse to be a to the Raspberry Pi.

**A MICRO USB POWER SUPPLY**

This should supply 5 V and at least 700 mA of current. An und Pi n will work but its reliability will decrease.

**AN SD CARD**

An SD card that is 4 GB or more will be needed to hold the ope files and programs that are created.

**AN HDMI CABLE**

This is used to connect to a monitor. If the monitor does not h connection then a converter will be needed to a connection th

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## ETHERNET CABLE / WIRELESS DONGLE

This is used to connect the Raspberry Pi to a network.

## USB HUB

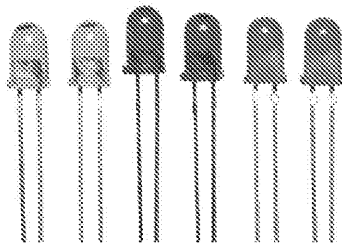
There may be a number of USB connections that need to be made to the Raspberry Pi, including a mouse and keyboard. It is advisable to have a USB hub as the Raspberry Pi only provides two USB ports.

## MONITOR

A monitor with an HDMI connector is best; otherwise a converter is needed.

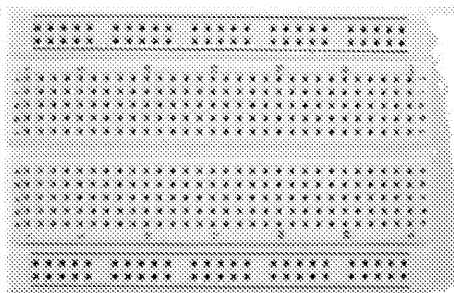
## Raspberry Pi Add-ons

There are a number of add-ons to the Raspberry Pi that are used in various projects. These include:



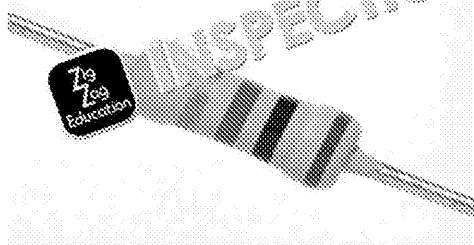
### LIGHT-EMITTING DIODES (LEDs)

LEDs are used in a number of projects as a way of emphasising and indicating status when programming with the Raspberry Pi.



### BREADBOARD

These are used to create temporary circuits that they can be connected to the Raspberry Pi.



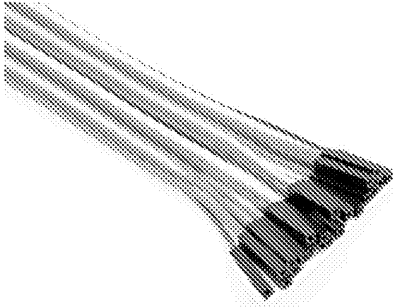
### RESISTOR

These are used in breadboard circuits using LEDs. You will need one.

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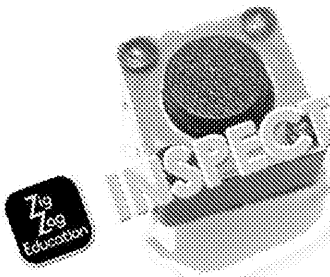
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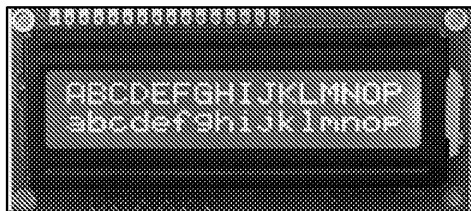
## JUMPER WIRES

These are used for creating connections on breadboards.



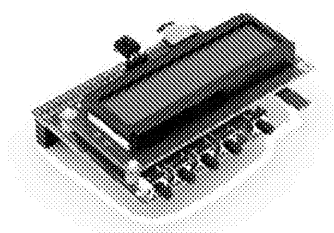
## BUTTONS

These are buttons that provide input to create inputs for some projects.



## LCD SCREEN

These can be purchased for the Raspberry Pi and are used in projects as a fun output.



## PI-FACE

This is an add-on that plugs into the Raspberry Pi. It has buttons and LEDs built into it that can be used for projects.



## PI CAMERA

This is a camera board that plugs into the Raspberry Pi to create video projects.

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**Important:**  
Extreme care should be taken when creating circuits with breadboards, as they can become very hot.

# BENCHMARKING THE RASPBERRY PI

DURATION: SHORT  
DIFFICULTY: EASY

In this project we are going to compare the relative speed of the Raspberry Pi using the Command Line versus the Graphical User Interface.

## PROJECT AIMS

- To provide a benchmark comparison of the speed difference between using the command line and graphical user interface to run Python programs on the Raspberry Pi
- To calculate the difference in speed between using the command line and the graphical user interface
- To understand how much processing power it takes to run a graphical user interface
- To learn how to use Python to create timestamps that can be used for benchmarking tests
- To provide a benchmark comparison between the processing power of the Raspberry Pi and a desktop computer

## PROJECT OUTCOMES

- It will take a timestamp starting to count
- It will count from the outputting each screen
- It will automatically time taken to run and output it
- It will allow the benchmark via the command line and the graphical interface
- It must be able to run on a desktop PC for comparison

## PROJECT EQUIPMENT

- Basic Raspberry Pi
- Desktop PC

## PROJECT TASKS

- A) Research – Command Line interface (CLI) and Graphical User Interface
- B) Develop the program .....
- C) How to take a timestamp in Python using the time module .....
- D) Build the program .....
- E) Benchmarking .....
- Extension .....

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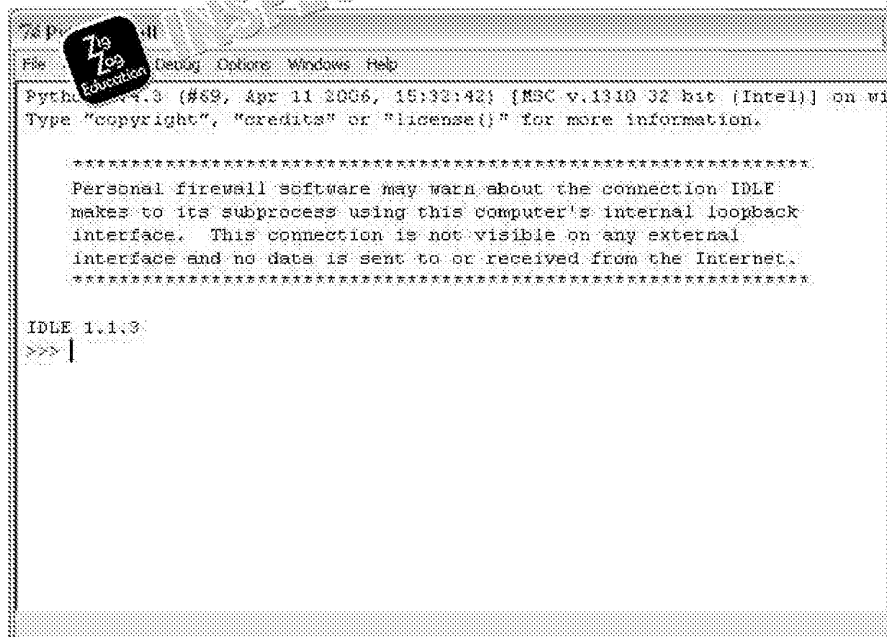


# Project Tasks

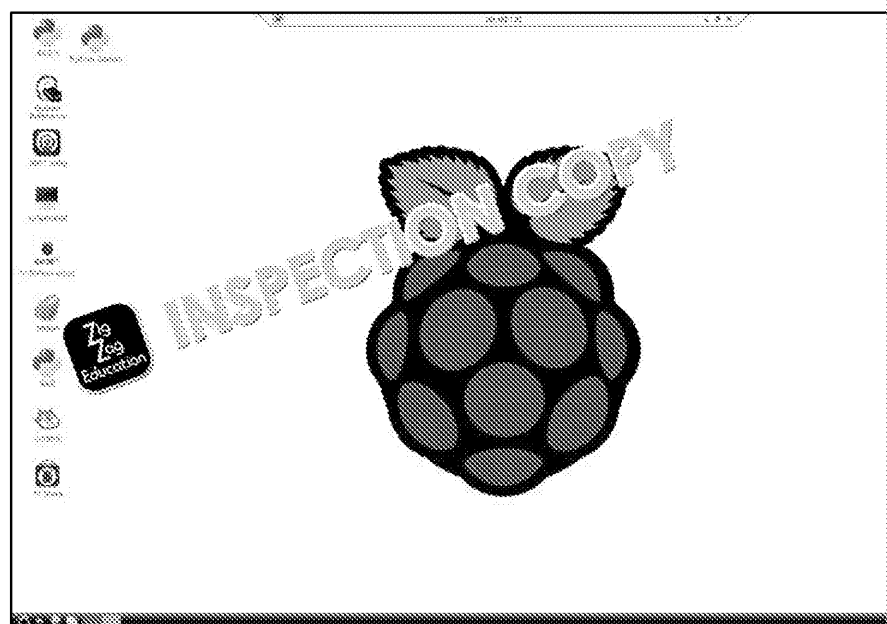
## A) Research – Command Line Interface (CLI) and Graphical User Interface (GUI)

- What are they?
- What is the difference between the two?
- Name a situation when each might be used.
- What are the benefits and drawbacks of using each?

### Command Line Interface



### Graphical User Interface



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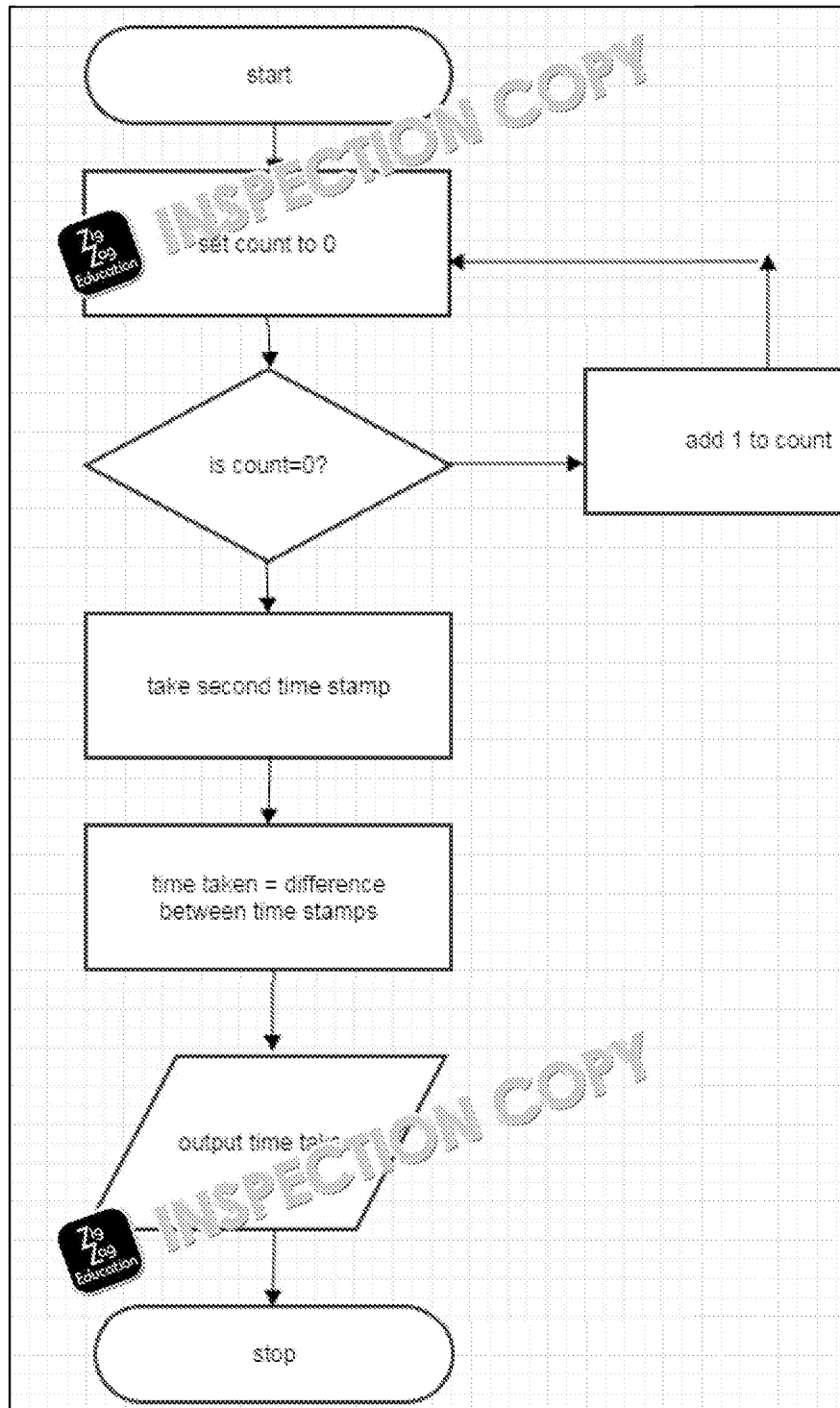
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## B) Design the program

We are going to create a program to benchmark the time taken by a Raspberry Pi to run a task in the CLI, against the time taken for GUI. The benchmark task will be a count from 1 to 10,000.

Here is a flow chart for an algorithm to solve this task. There are three things wrong with it.



**Challenge:** Can you fix it?

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## C) How to take a timestamp in Python using the time module

To take a timestamp we need to use the `time.time` function in Python.

```
import time                                     #imports the time module
time_stamp_1 = time.time()                     #takes the 1st timestamp
                                              #assigns it to the variable
                                              #time_stamp_1
```

## D) Build the program

Below is the main program. The program shown will take two timestamps, one before and one after, and calculate the difference.

```
import time
time_stamp_1 = time.time()                   #takes the 1st timestamp
                                              #assigns it to the variable
                                              #time_stamp_1

for count in range(1,10000):
    print (count)                            #prints all the numbers
                                              #from 1 to 10,000

time_stamp_2 = time.time()                   #takes the 2nd timestamp
                                              #assigns it to the variable
                                              #time_stamp_2
```

The end of the program is missing. This should be a calculation to find the difference between the two timestamps. The result of calculation should then be output to the screen.

**! Challenge:** Can you work out how to do this?

## E) Benchmarking

- Run your program in the GUI using IDLE. Make a note of the time taken.
- Run your program in the CLI. Make a note of the time taken.
- Calculate the difference in speed both in time and as a percentage.
- Can you notice any difference?
- Can you explain your findings?

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## Extension

- When running the program via the GUI, move the mouse
- What do you notice?
- Can you explain the difference?

## STRETCH YOURSELF

- Run your Python program on a desktop PC.
- How does the PC benchmark compared with the Raspberry Pi?
- Can you explain the difference?

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# REMOTELY CONNECTING RASPBERRY Pi

DURATION: SHORT  
DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM

For this project we are going to compare, connect to and control our Windows PC. Being able to connect remotely allows us place unobtrusively or in a place we cannot easily access while still being

## PROJECT AIMS

- To learn how to set up a remote connection to the Raspberry Pi.
- To learn how to determine the Raspberry Pi's IP address on the network.
- To learn how to install and configure TightVNC software needed for the connection.
- To learn how to access and control the Raspberry Pi from a Windows PC.

## PROJECT OUTCOMES

- The software TightVNC downloaded on the Windows PC.
- A remote connection established to the Raspberry Pi.

## PROJECT EQUIPMENT

- Basic Raspberry Pi kit connected (wired or wirelessly) to your network.
- Desktop PC

## PROJECT TASKS

- Research – why might we want to be able to access our Raspberry Pi?
- Determine the Raspberry Pi's network address .....
- Install TightVNC on the Raspberry Pi .....
- Configure TightVNC to allow remote connections .....
- Install TightVNC on the Windows PC .....
- Connecting to and controlling the Raspberry Pi .....

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# Project Tasks

## A) Research – why might we want to be able to access our Raspberry Pi

Using the Internet, research and list five possible scenarios where it would be needed to be able to access their Raspberry Pi remotely. Think about what you can do with a Pi if it is connected wirelessly to your network and powered instead of the mains power pack.

## B) Determine the Raspberry Pi's network address

Every computer on a network has a unique network address. This is known as the computer's **IP address** and is needed so that other network devices know where to send messages for our computer. Think of our IP address, or even our phone number. Without the address, our friends wouldn't know how to contact us. In fact, on a network, every device that needs a network connection has an IP address, even devices such as game consoles, smartphones and smart TVs.

Before we can use another computer to control our Raspberry Pi, we need to know our Pi's IP address. Finding it is easy:

Either via the command line, or via an LXTerminal Window, enter

```
ifconfig
```

Done correctly, this will generate a message along the lines of

```
Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr b8:27:eb:5f:f6:bb
inet addr:192.168.1.89 Bcast:192.168.1.255 Mask 255.255.255
UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
RX packets:252 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
TX packets:100 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
Collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
RX bytes:37493 (36.6 KiB) TX bytes:9500 (9.3 KiB)
```

This information tells us lots of useful information about the Pi. However, the information we need sits in the second line:

```
inet addr:192.168.1.89 Bcast:192.168.1.255 Mask 255.255.255
```

The IP address of our Raspberry Pi is the first collection of four numbers: **192.168.1.89**. Make a note of whatever address is given here as we will need to tell our Windows PC where to send messages to talk to our Raspberry Pi.

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## C) Install TightVNC on the Raspberry Pi

To control our Raspberry Pi from another computer we need a **remote application**. This will run on both our Raspberry Pi and on the Windows computer we will use to remotely control the Pi. The application forms the core of the remote control of the Pi.

One such application that works extremely well with the Raspberry Pi is a freeware application allows and controls remote connections, keeping them secure from unauthorised users.

Installing TightVNC is simple. Either from the command line, or from a terminal window, enter:

```
sudo apt-get install tightvncserver
```

The software will take several minutes to install.

## D) Configure TightVNC to allow remote connections

Once it is installed, we need to configure TightVNC with a password to allow us to connect remotely to our Raspberry Pi:

First, make sure startx is running, then open an LXTerminal window.

Within the terminal window, enter:

```
tightvncserver
```

TightVNC will ask us to enter and confirm a password. Pick a password that is easy to remember but difficult for someone else to guess! A mixture of letters and numbers is always a good method for a secure password.

Next, we will be asked whether we wish to enter a 'view-only' password. A view-only password is used in case we wish someone to be able to view our Pi, but not to control it. Enter 'y' if you want such a facility, or 'n' if not.

Once the password has been successfully entered, TightVNC will display a configuration message containing a port number:

```
New desktop is raspberrypi:1
```

In this case, the port number is '1'. Make a note of this port number as you will need the information to remotely connect to the Pi.

**NOTE:** Every time we restart the Raspberry Pi we will need to do this again. Always make a note of the port number.

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## E) Install TightVNC on the Windows PC

TightVNCServer on the Raspberry Pi forms one end of the connection we need. To form the other end of the connection we need to install TightVNC on our Windows PC:

Using the Internet, visit the website <http://www.tightvnc.com>

Download and install the appropriate version of TightVNC on the Windows PC. We will use the 32-bit version if unsure which is the right version to use. We will use the 'Typical' settings. TightVNC runs on all versions of Windows from Windows 95 to Windows 10.

When prompted, enter and confirm the same password you use for TightVNC on the Raspberry Pi. Use the same password again as the password, or change to something else if you wish. The installation completes successfully.



## F) Connecting to and controlling the Raspberry Pi

To connect to and remotely control our Raspberry Pi, we need to install TightVNC Viewer on our Windows PC. We will need two pieces of information gathered previously:

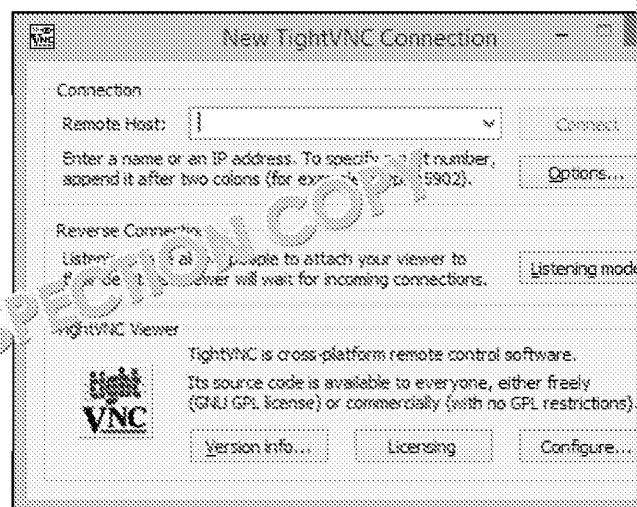
- The IP address of the Raspberry Pi:

```
inet addr:192.168.1.89 Bcast:192.168.1.255 Mask 255.255.255
```

- The port number from TightVNC on the Raspberry Pi:

```
New 'X' desktop is raspberrypi:1
```

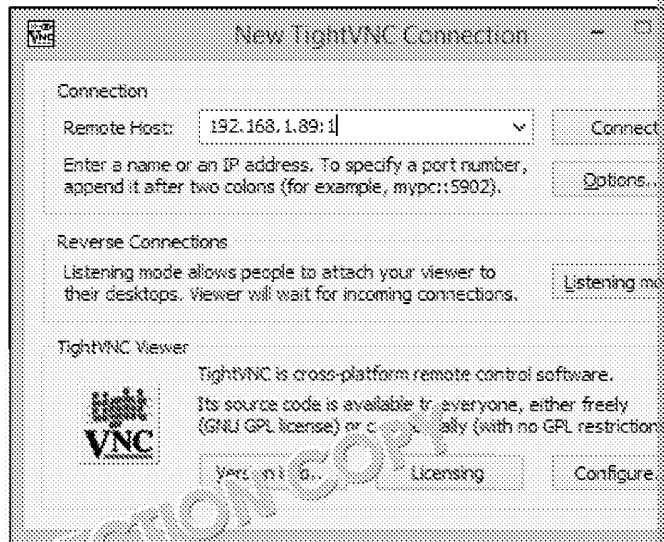
When run, TightVNC Viewer will show this menu:



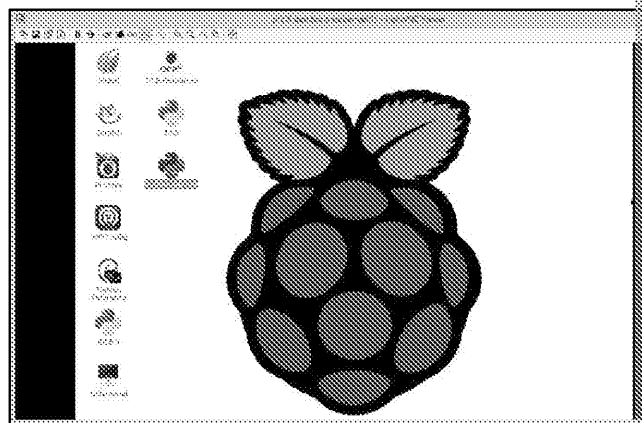
TightVNC Viewer needs to know the **IP address and the port number** of the Raspberry Pi. All we need to do is enter the address and port number in the 'Remote Host' box. The port number follows the IP address, and is separated by a colon. In the example shown here, the details are:

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Now, in the 'Connect' dialog, enter the TightVNC password for the Raspberry Pi. You now have remote control of our Pi!



### Using OSX or Linux to connect

When using OSX or Linux, the process is the same except that there are different applications available for these platforms. Try a different freeware application instead of the 'TightVNC' instead.

### STRETCH YOURSELF

-  Try to connect to the Raspberry Pi with an iPad, Android tablet or a smartphone using a VNC-style app. Many are available as freeware.
- Combine this project with the Pi Camera project to create a wireless, battery-powered CCTV camera that can be operated remotely.
- Find out how to change the Raspberry Pi TightVNC password.

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# INTERACTIVE Quiz

DURATION: SHORT  
DIFFICULTY: EASY

In this project we are going to create an interactive quiz that will input their answers and a score will be kept.

## PROJECT AIMS

- To learn how to program an interactive quiz
- To learn how to create an input for a user to input an answer
- To use the GPIO interface to light up LEDs

## PROJECT EQUIPMENT

- Basic Raspberry Pi kit

## PROJECT OUTCOMES

- To choose a theme
- To create an interactive quiz that has five multiple choice questions
- To keep a score of correct answers
- To repeatedly ask for a correct answer
- To output a final score
- To use LEDs to indicate correct or incorrect answers

## PROJECT TASKS

A) Choosing a theme .....

B) Writing the program .....

Extension .....

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# Project Tasks

## A) Choosing a theme

We need to choose a theme for our quiz. Choose a theme that is familiar with, something you enjoy. We need to think of five questions for each theme and three multiple-choice answers for each. Plan your quiz to your quiz.

## B) Writing the program

Now we have planned our quiz, we can go ahead and program it. Once we have learnt how to program one question, the rest are easy. Open a terminal window and it will open into the Python shell. Open a new window in your code editor. This way you can program your quiz in the new window and the questions appear in the shell. To run the program you just need to save the file and run it.

To create the code for one question, we would enter the following code:

```
_____ ("Welcome to my quiz")
score = 0
print ("Question 1")
print ("A. option 1\n"
      "B. option 2\n"
      "C. option 3\n")
answer1 = _____("answer: ")
if _____ == "A":
    print("Correct!")
    score = _____ + 1
_____:
    print("Incorrect!")
```



**Challenge:** Can you make the program ask each missing question?

The score is set to 0 to begin with and each time we get a question correct, the score increases by 1.

We repeat this process for each question until we have completed the quiz.

We can make our program more reliable by taking the input and converting it to lower case. This means that if they typed 'A' it would be converted to 'a' and be the correct response. We can do this by using the lower() method.

```
if lower.answer1 == "A":
```

Once all questions have been asked, output the users score using the print function.

```
print (" Your score is", str(score))
```

Why do we need to convert the score variable to a string to print it? What happens if we do not do this?

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## Extension

Try to put each question into a condition loop so that the question is repeated until the answer is correct. You can do this by using a `while` loop.

You may need to research and find out how you can do this.

## STRETCH YOURSELF

Find out how to create a GPIO circuit with two LEDs, one green and one red. (Hint: look at the 'Input/Output Pins' project if you have it in front of you.)

Extend your program so that the green LED lights up if the answer is correct and the red LED lights up if the answer is incorrect.



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# INPUT/OUTPUT BASICS

DURATION: SHORT  
DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM

For this project we are going to learn about the Raspberry Pi's (Purpose Input Output) interface and how we can use it to accept and to output signals to components such as LEDs.

## PROJECT AIMS

- To learn about the Raspberry Pi's GPIO interface
- To learn how to use the GPIO interface as an output to light LEDs
- To learn how to use the GPIO interface as an input with buttons.
- To learn how to program inputs and outputs in Python

## PROJECT OUTCOMES

- It will light up an LED
- It will make an LED blink
- It will turn on an LED when a button is pressed

## PROJECT EQUIPMENT

- Raspberry Pi kit
- Full-size breadboard
- 1 × LED
- 1 × button
- 3 × female-to-male jumper
- 3 × male-to-male jumper
- 1 × 470 ohm resistor

## PROJECT TASKS

- Understanding the Raspberry Pi's GPIO interface .....
- Using the GPIO to light an LED - setting up the circuit .....
- Using the GPIO to light an LED - writing the code .....
- Using the GPIO to receive an input from a button.....

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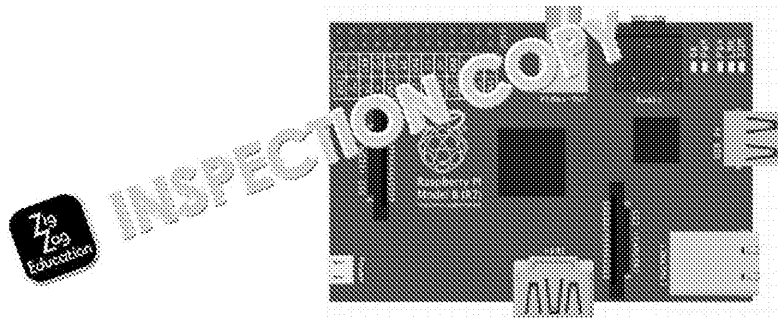
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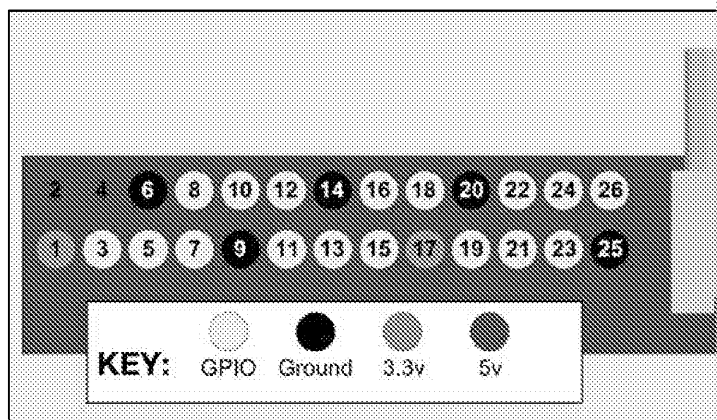
# Project Tasks

## A) Understanding the Raspberry Pi's GPIO interface

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Each pin carries a signal in or out of the Pi. We can configure 17 pins as inputs or outputs. The remaining pins are power or ground pins and must be used carefully. Power can be delivered at 3.3 V or 5 V, depending on the pin.



**NOTE:** Be extremely careful when using the GPIO pins – connecting the wrong pins can damage the Pi.

The pins are numbered, and there are two methods – 'BOARD' and 'BCM'. Board numbering assigns a number from 1 to 26, and this is the method we will use.

**REMEMBER:** Pins 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 14, 17, 20 and 25 are power/ground pins and must be used for inputs/outputs.

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## B) Using the GPIO to light an LED – set up the circuit

First we need to build the inputs and outputs.

We will need the following components:

- Raspberry Pi kit
- Full-size breadboard
- 1 × LED
- 1 × button
- 2 × female-to-male jumper leads
- 2 × male-to-male jumper leads
- 470 ohm resistor

Connect the components as follows:

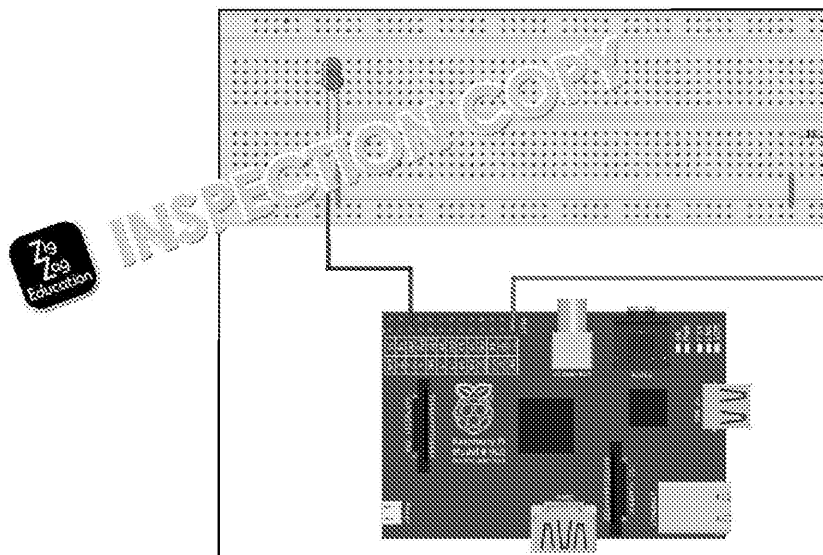
Place the resistor on the breadboard, one leg in **slot e55**, the

Using one male-to-female jumper lead, connect the female end to **slot e55** (ground), and the male end to **slot c59**. This connects the re

Using a male-to-male jumper lead, place one end in **slot a55** and the other end in **slot a59**. This connects the **ground (blue) track at slot 55**. We now have a resistor-protect

Now, place the remaining components and leads as follows:

LED	LED slots	Ground lead slots	+ve
led1	e10, e11	c11, ground track 11	a10, 5

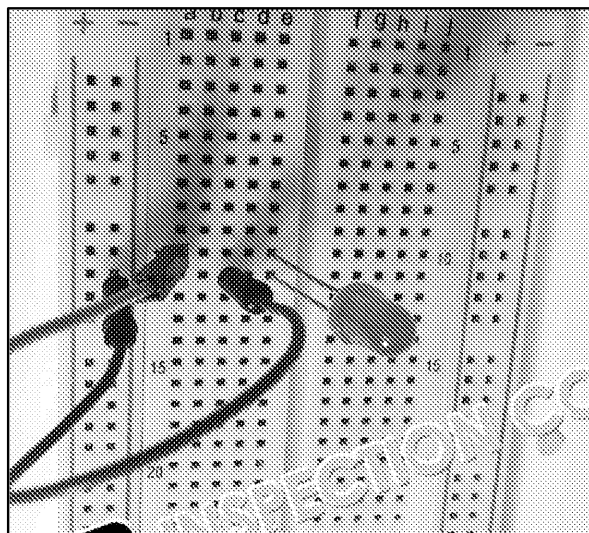


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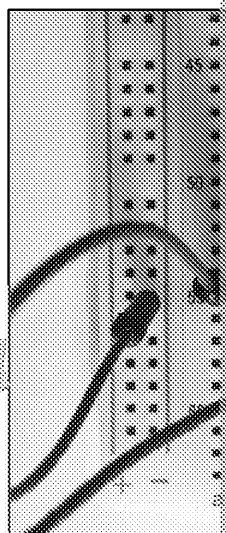
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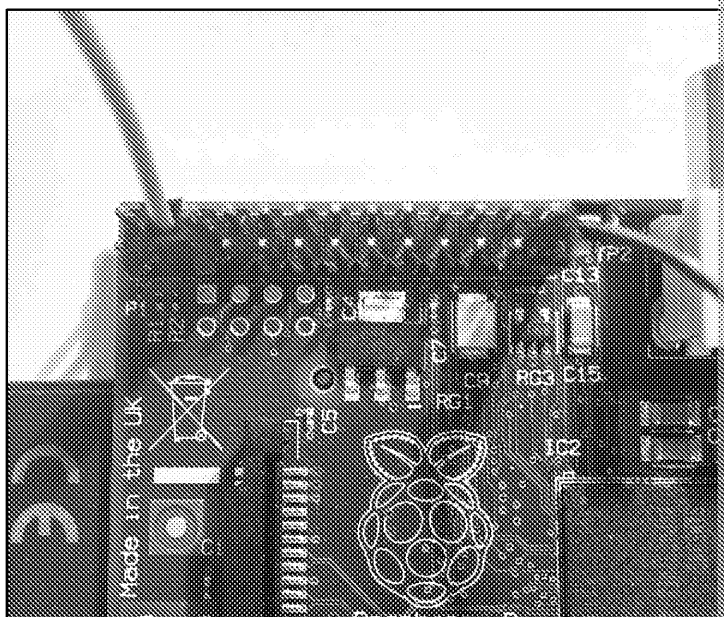
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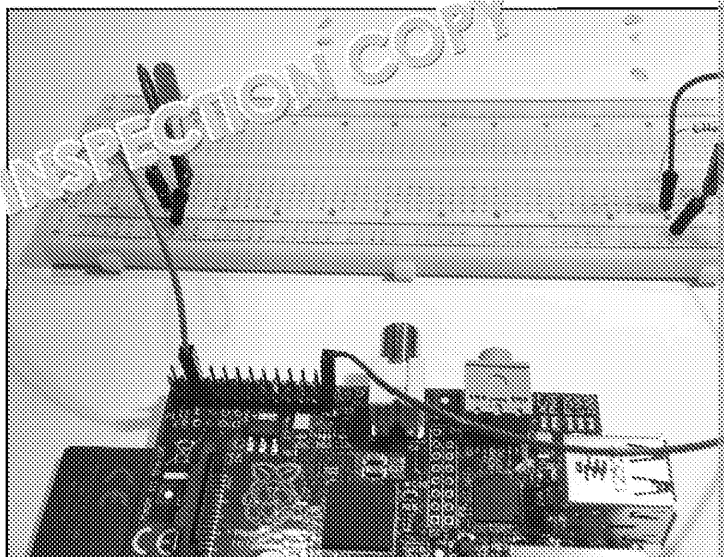
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The pins should look like this:



The whole circuit for an LED should look lik



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### C) Using the GPIO to light an LED – writing the code

We can use Python to control the GPIO pins. First we have to import the GPIO module, then state that we will be using a GPIO pin and configure it as an input or output. The code below configures one pin, pin 5, as an output (pin 5 with an LED).

```
import RPi.GPIO as GPIO          #imports GPIO module -
GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BOARD)        #set GPIO in 'board' mode
GPIO.setwarnings(False)         #switches off warning messages

led1 = 5                         #assigns pin 5 to LED1
GPIO.setup(led1 = GPIO.OUT)      #configures pin 5 as an output
```

To operate an LED, we simply tell the pin to carry a current or not.

```
GPIO.output(led1, 1)             #turns LED1 on
```

**! Challenge:** Can you work out how you would turn the LED off?

We can extend this code to write a short program that flashes the LED on and off by the user. Open an IDLE window, and enter the following code:

```
import RPi.GPIO as GPIO          #imports GPIO module
GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BOARD)        #set GPIO in 'board' mode
GPIO.setwarnings(False)         #switches off warning messages

from time import sleep          #import sleep function

led1 = 5                         #assigns pin 5 to LED1
GPIO.setup(led1 = GPIO.OUT)      #configures pin 5 as an output
delay = float(input("Enter the delay in seconds: ")) #get delay from user
```

This code now needs a loop adding to it to make the LED flash on and off.

**! Challenge:** Can you write the code for the loop to make the LED flash on and off?

Save the program as LED\_flash.py

Programs using the GPIO interface need to be run with root access in an LXTerminal window, and run the program with the command:

```
sudo python3 LED_flash.py
```

When run, we should have a flashing LED.

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## D) Using the GPIO to receive an input from a button

We can use the GPIO interface to receive inputs from components like buttons. To receive an input from a button, we have to tell the Raspberry Pi to 'listen' for a signal. The button is connected to the Pi via an electrical circuit. When we press the button, the circuit is complete and current flows; when we release the button, the current flow stops. When the pin receives current, an input is registered.

First we need to build the inputs and outputs.

We will need the following components:

- Raspberry Pi kit
- Full-size breadboard
- 1 × LED
- 1 × button
- 3 × female-to-male jumper leads
- 3 × male-to-male jumper leads
- 1 × 470 ohm resistor

Connect the components as follows:

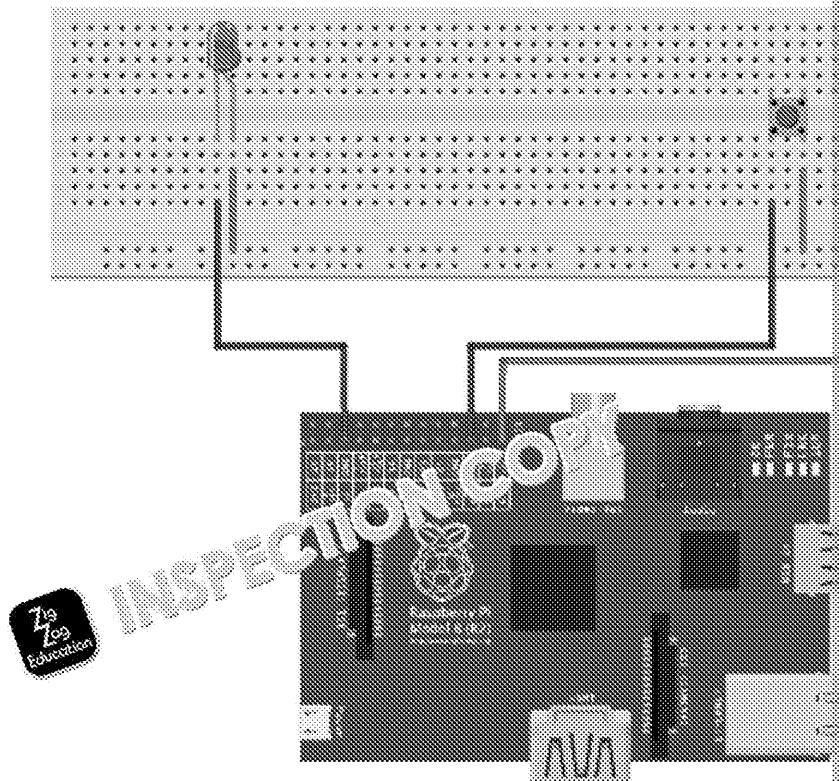
1. Place the resistor on the breadboard, one leg in **slot e55**.
2. Using one male-to-female jumper lead, connect the female end to **slot c25** (ground), and the male end to **slot c59**. This connects the resistor to ground.
3. Using a male-to-male jumper lead, place one end in **slot c59** and the other end in **slot e55**. We now have a resistor connection.

Now, place the remaining components and leads as follows:

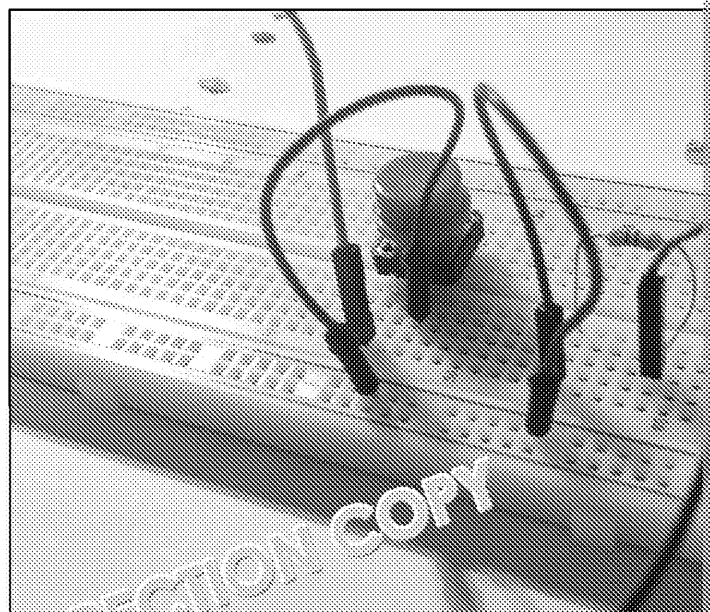
<b>LED</b>	led1
<b>LED slots</b>	c1, e1
<b>Ground lead slots</b>	c11, ground track 11
<b>+ve lead slots / GPIO pin</b>	a10, 5
<b>BUTTON</b>	button1
<b>BUTTON slots</b>	e45, e47
<b>Ground lead slots</b>	c47, ground track 47
<b>+ve lead slots / GPIO pin</b>	a45, 21

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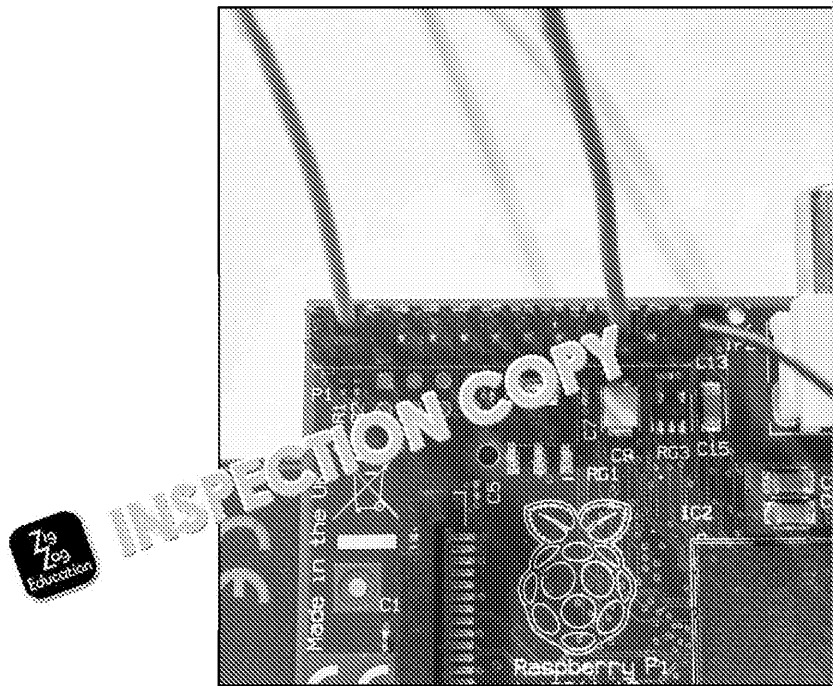
The button should look like this:



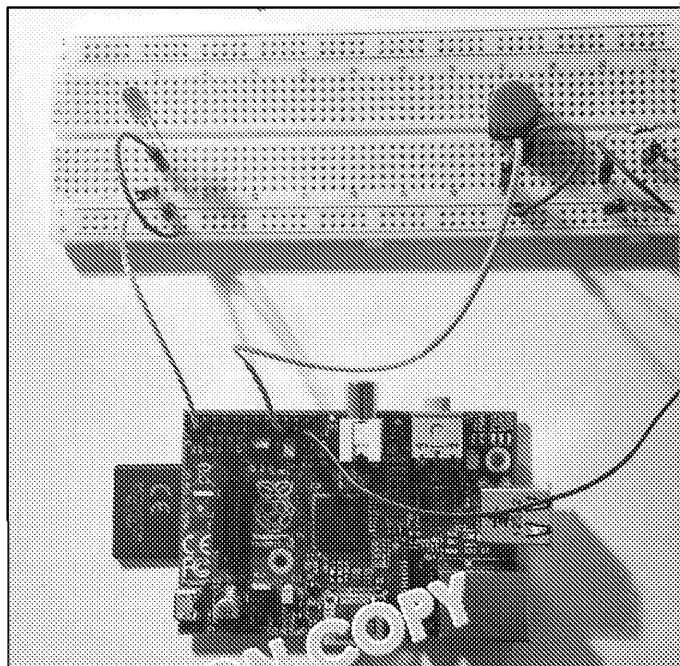
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The pins should look like this:



The whole circuit for an LED and button should look like this:



Next we have to import and configure a GPIO pin as an input:

```
import sys, GPIO as GPIO           #imports GPIO module
GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BOARD)           #set GPIO in 'board'
GPIO.setwarnings(False)             #switches off warnings

button1 = 21                        #assigns pin 21 to button1
GPIO.setup(button1, GPIO.IN)        #configures pin 21 as input
```

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The code to tell the Pi to listen for a signal is:

```
while True:                                #repeat
    while GPIO.input(button1):              #listen
        pass
    if GPIO.input(button1) == False:        # when
                                            #do w
        print
```

We can control the LED with the button. When the button is pressed the LED is lit, when released the LED is unlit. Open a new LX Terminal window and enter the following code:

```
import RPi.GPIO as GPIO                    #imports GPIO module
GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BCM)                    #set GPIO in 'board'
GPIO.setup(5, GPIO.OUT)                    #switches off warning
led1 = 5                                   #assigns pin 5 to LED
button1 = 21                               #assigns pin 21 to button
GPIO.setup(led1 = GPIO.OUT)                #configures pin 5 as output
GPIO.setup(button1 = GPIO.IN)              #configures pin 21 as input
from time import sleep                     #import sleep function
while True:                                #repeat continuously
    while GPIO.input(button1):              #listen
        pass
    if GPIO.input(button1) == False:        # when
        GPIO.output(led1, 1)                #turn on LED
        sleep(1)                             #pause for 1 second
        GPIO.output(led1, 0)                #turn off LED
```

Save the program with the filename LED\_button.py

Open an LXTerminal window, and run the program with the command:

```
sudo python3 LED_button.py
```

When the button is pressed, the LED will light up for 1 second.



## STRETCH YOURSELF

- Add more LEDs and buttons, perhaps even different coloured ones
- Work out how to have different patterns of LEDs lit depending on button presses

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# BINARY CONVERSION

DURATION: LONG  
DIFFICULTY: HARD

For this project we are going to convert denary (base 10) numbers to binary and learn how to get the Raspberry Pi to light LEDs to output the binary number.

## PROJECT AIMS

- To understand how to convert from denary to binary
- To program a denary-to-binary converter in Python
- To learn about the Raspberry Pi's GPIO interface
- To learn how to use the GPIO interface as an output to light LEDs
- To use LEDs as a method of outputting binary numbers

## PROJECT OUTCOMES

- It will represent binary
- It will convert integers from denary to binary
- It will use LEDs to output binary numbers

## PROJECT EQUIPMENT

- Basic Raspberry Pi
- Full-size breadboard
- 8 LEDs
- 9 × female-to-female jumper wires
- 9 × male-to-male jumper wires
- 1 × 470 ohm resistor

## PROJECT TASKS

A) Convert denary to binary .....

B) Write a program to convert denary to binary in Python .....

Extension: Understanding the GPIO interface .....



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# Project Tasks

## A) Convert denary to binary

At its most basic level, a computer is a collection of circuits. These either have current flowing through them (on) or not (off). Data is represented by turning circuits on or off.

Binary notation uses two digits, 1 and 0. We can use a 1 to represent a circuit that is on, and a 0 to represent a circuit that is off. Thus, we can represent any number using 1s and 0s. Each individual digit is known as a bit. 8-bit binary uses 8 bits to represent a number. We can use an LED to represent each bit. The LED will either be lit (1) or not lit (0).

The denary system uses place values that increment in powers of 10.

Place value	10,000,000	1,000,000	100,000	10,000	1,000	100	10	1
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Numbers are represented by putting digits under the place value. The denary number 123 is represented as:

Place value	10,000,000	1,000,000	100,000	10,000	1,000	100	10	1
Digit								

This gives us  $(1 \times 100) + (2 \times 10) + (3 \times 1) = 123$ .

In denary the biggest number we can represent using 8 digits is 99,999,999.

Place value	10,000,000	1,000,000	100,000	10,000	1,000	100	10	1
Digit	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9

$(9 \times 10,000,000) + (9 \times 1,000,000) + (9 \times 100,000) + (9 \times 10,000) + (9 \times 1,000) + (9 \times 100) + (9 \times 10) + (9 \times 1) = 99,999,999$ .

Binary place values increment in powers of 2:

Place value	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
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Remember, binary also uses only 2 digits, 1 and 0. Binary numbers are represented by placing a 1 or 0 under each place value. We place a 1 if we need that value, and a 0 if we do not. In binary, the denary number 123 would look like:

Place value	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Number	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1

$(1 \times 64) + (1 \times 32) + (1 \times 16) + (1 \times 8) + (1 \times 4) + (1 \times 2) + (1 \times 1) = 123$ . In binary, 123 is represented as 0111 1011.

In binary, the biggest number we can represent with 8 bits is 255.

Place value	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Number	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

$(1 \times 128) + (1 \times 64) + (1 \times 32) + (1 \times 16) + (1 \times 8) + (1 \times 4) + (1 \times 2) + (1 \times 1) = 255$ , or in binary 1111 1111.



**Challenge:** Convert the following denary numbers to binary.

7    25    93    164

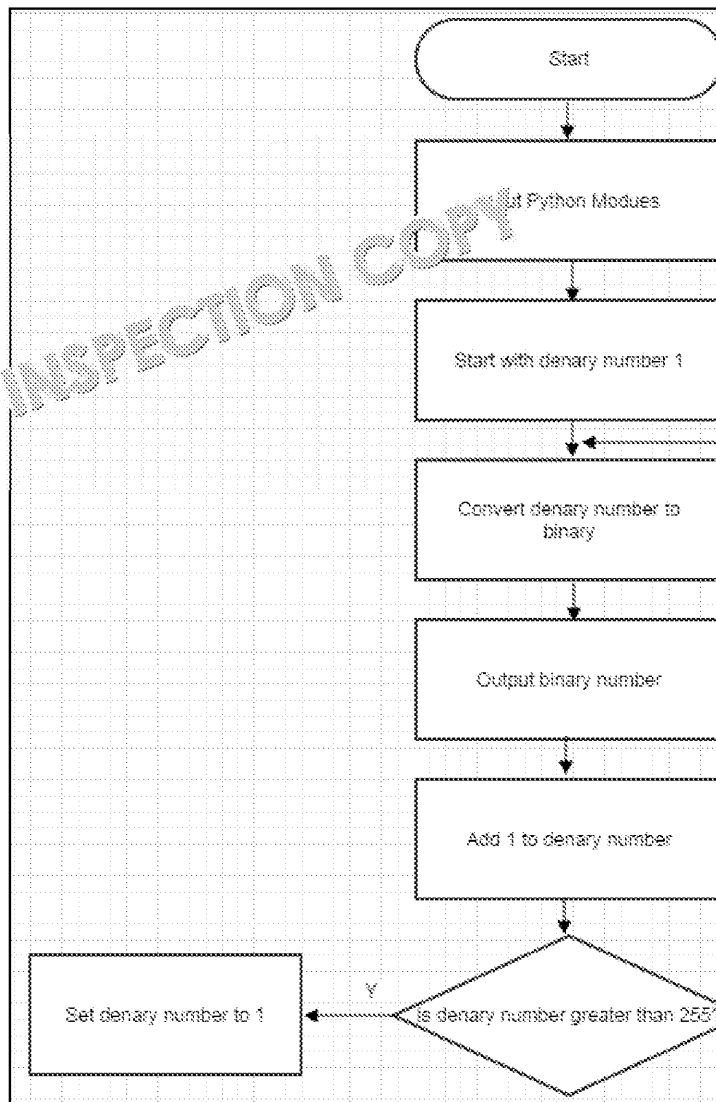
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## B) Write a program to convert denary to binary

We can write a Python program to convert denary to binary. And this program would be:



First, open up a new IDLE3 window.

To aid us we will need to use a Python module called 'numpy'. It has a built-in binary conversion function that will simplify what we have to do. We will use the 'time' module to implement a slight delay. Add code to your program as follows:

```
#Binary Conversion

#import modules
from numpy import binary_repr
from time import sleep
```

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Now, add code to set the denary number, and convert the denary


```
denary = 1                                #variable, holds denary number

print(denary)                            #output denary number

binary = binary_repr(denary, 8)          #convert denary number to binary
print(binary)                            #output binary

sleep(0.5)                               #pause for 0.5 seconds
```

Next we need to add the code that increments the denary number. If the denary number exceeds 255, the count needs to be reset to 1. This is because a byte would require more than 8 bits to display it.

 **Challenge:** Can you write the code to increment the denary number when 255 is reached?

Lastly, we need to include a loop so that the program runs continuously.

```
#binary conversion

#import modules
from numpy import binary_repr
from time import sleep

denary = 1                                #variable, holds denary number

while True:
    print(denary)                          #output denary number
    binary = binary_repr(denary, 8)        #convert denary number to binary
    print(binary)                          #output binary
    sleep(0.5)                             #pause for 0.5 seconds

    denary += 1                             #increment denary number
    if denary > 255:                         #if denary number exceeds 255
        denary = 1                          #reset it to 1
```

Save the program giving it the name 'denary\_to\_binary.py'.

Now run the program, and binary numbers will appear on the screen.

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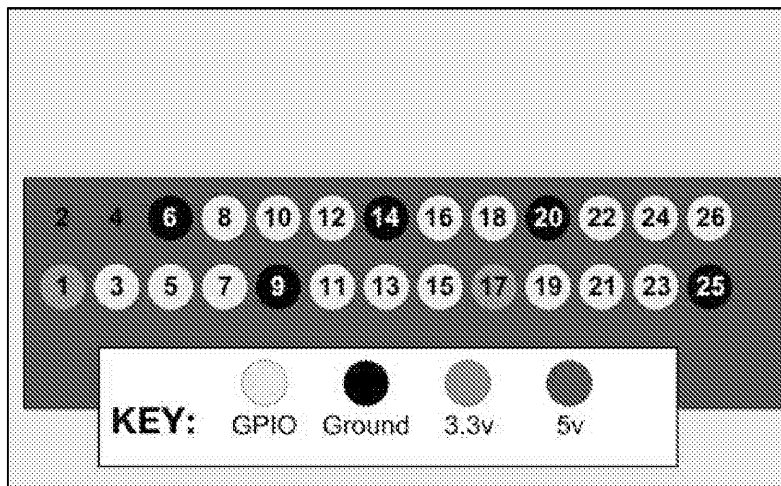
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The pins are numbered, and there are two methods – 'Board' and 'BCM'. Board numbering assigns a number from 1 to 26, and this is the method we will use.



Remember: Pins 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 14, 17, 20 and 25 are power/ground pins and should not be used for inputs/outputs.

### Connecting a single LED

Connecting a single LED is straightforward. First we will set up a short Python program to turn the LED on and off.

We will need the following components:

- Breadboard
- 220 ohm resistor – this protects the circuit
- 2 × female-to-male jumper leads – connects the components to the board
- 2 × male-to-male jumper leads – completes the circuit
- 1 × LED

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Connect the components as follows:

Place the resistor on the breadboard, one leg in **slot e55**, the other in **slot e60**.

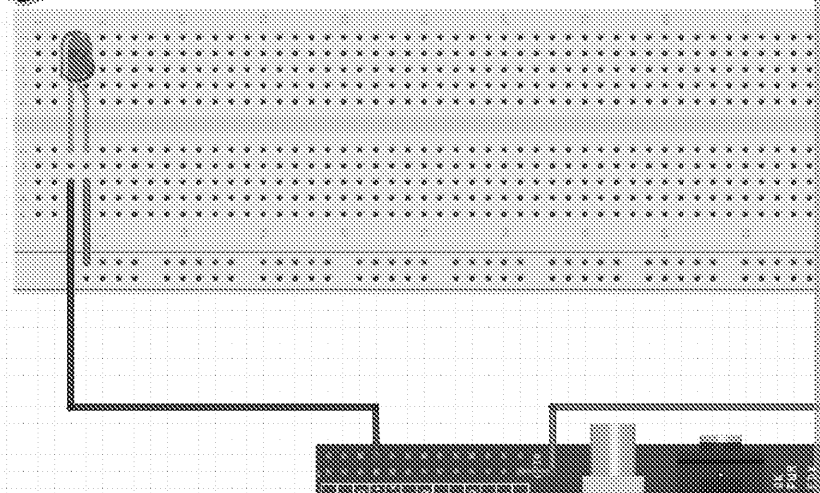
Using one male-to-female jumper lead, connect the female end to the **ground (blue) track**, and the male end to **slot c55**. This connects the resistor to ground.

Using a male-to-male jumper lead, place one end in **slot c55**, the other in **slot c60**. We now have a resistor-protected LED circuit.

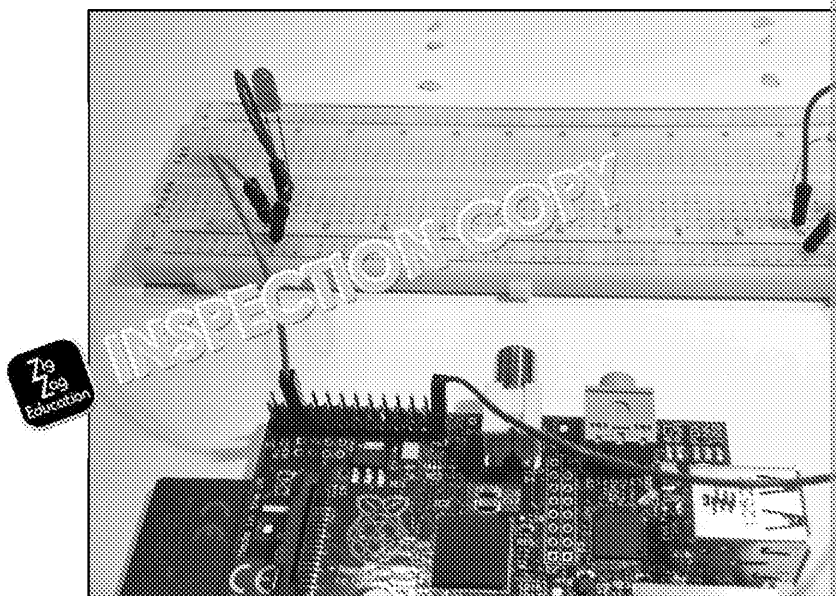
Place the LED on the breadboard, putting the **longer leg (positive)** in **slot e4**, and the **shorter leg (ground)** in **slot e5**.

Connect one male-to-male jumper lead to **slot c4** and to the **GPIO pin header**.

Complete the circuit using one female-to-male jumper lead, the other end in **GPIO pin 8**.



The LED circuit should look like this:



We have now completed our initial hardware circuit. Next we need to write some code to switch the LED on and off.

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## Write a program to light the LED

We can use Python to write a simple program to light the LED. Python has many built-in modules that make programming much easier. To use them, we need to import them into our program. To switch an LED on and off, we need to use the following modules:

- `RPi.GPIO` (note the lowercase 'i')
- `time`

Open up a new IDLE3 window, and enter the following Python code:

```
#import modules
import RPi.GPIO as GPIO          #required to access GPIO pins
from time import sleep           #required to pause the program
```

Be careful to make sure you use upper-case and lower-case letters as shown above.

Next, we have to tell the Raspberry Pi that we will be referring to the GPIO pins in BOARD mode (known as BOARD mode):

```
GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BOARD)        #set GPIO in BOARD mode
GPIO.setwarnings(False)         #switches off warnings
```

Now we have to tell the Raspberry Pi that we want to use a pin, and how we are going to use it (input or output):

```
led = 8                          #assign pin to variable
GPIO.setup(led, GPIO.OUT)        #configure GPIO pin as output
```

All we need to do now is tell the Pi to switch the LED on and off:

```
While True:
    GPIO.output(led, 1)           #LED on
    time.sleep(1)                 #pause
    GPIO.output(led, 0)           #LED off
    time.sleep(1)                 #pause
```



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The full program looks like this:

```
#binary conversion
#import modules
import RPi.GPIO as GPIO          #required to access GPIO
from time import sleep           #required to import sleep

GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BOARD)         #set GPIO in BOARD pin numbering
GPIO.setwarnings(False)          #switches off warnings

#assign pin to LED
led = 8

#configure pin as output
GPIO.setup(led, GPIO.OUT)

While True:
    GPIO.output(led, 1)           #LED on
    time.sleep(1)                 #pause
    GPIO.output(led, 0)           #LED off
    time.sleep(1)                 #pause
```

Now, save the program, giving it the name 'binary\_LED.py'.

To run the program we need access to the command line. Open a terminal window and enter:

```
sudo python3 binary.py
```

The LED should flash on and off. If it doesn't, check the following:

- That all leads are properly connected
- That connections are in the correct slots
- That the correct pins have been selected
- That the LED is inserted the correct way around
- That the python program is exactly as above

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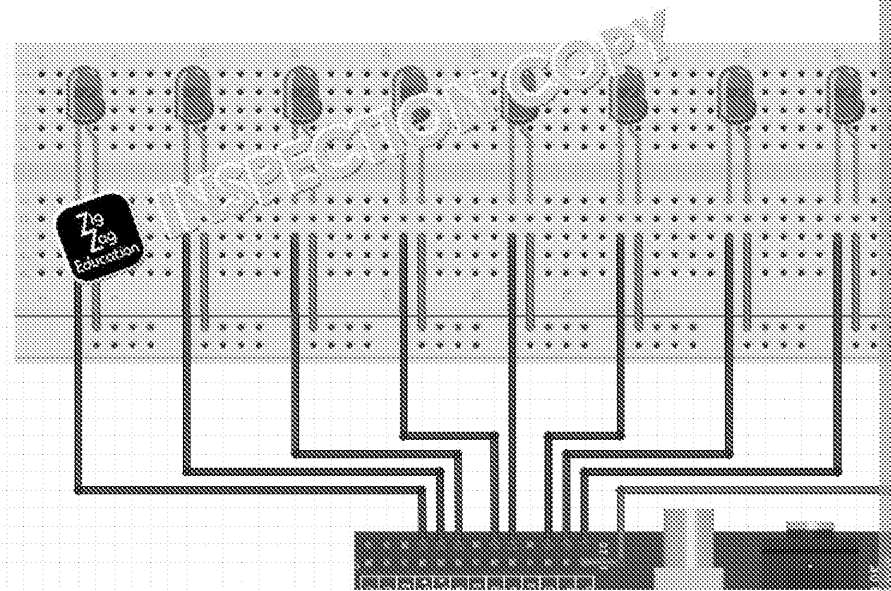


Bringing it all together

The next task is to extend our Python program to include the conversion of a decimal number to binary and to use LEDs to output the binary number.

First, set up the rest of the LEDs on the breadboard, using the following table. Remember, we've already set up the first LED (led1), **but now remove it**.

LED			LED slots	Ground lead slot
led128			e3, e4	c4, ground track 4
led64			e9, e10	c10, ground track 10
led32			e15, e16	c16, ground track 16
led16			e22, e23	c23, ground track 23
led8			e28, e29	c29, ground track 29
led4			e34, e35	c35, ground track 35
led2			e39, e40	c40, ground track 40
led1	e45, e46	c46, ground track 46	c45, 26	

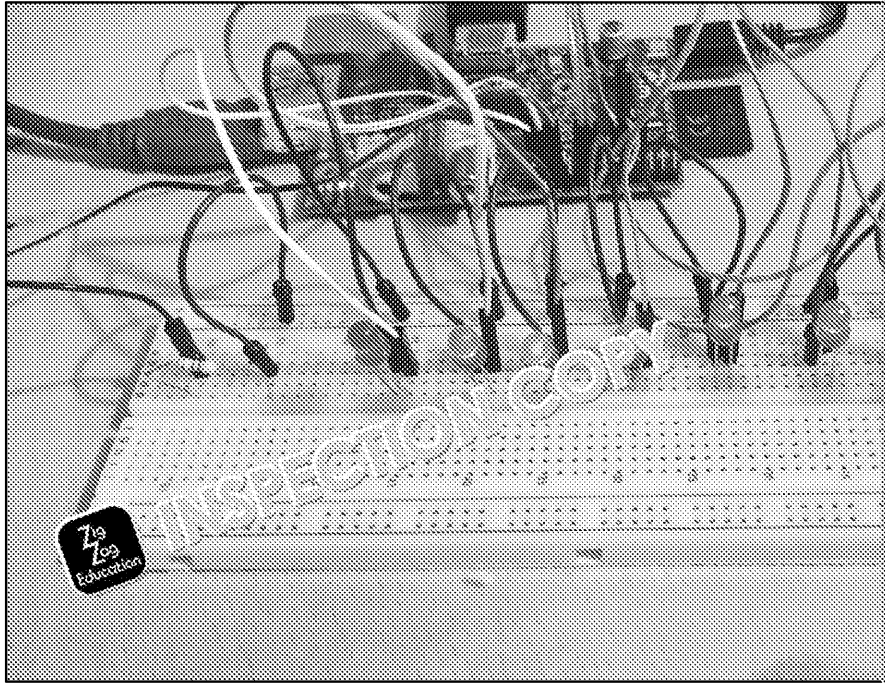


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You should find it looks like this:



Now we need to set up the rest of the GPIO pins:

```
#import modules
import RPi.GPIO as GPIO                                #required to access GPIO pins
from time import sleep                                  #required to implement sleep
GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BOARD)                               #set GPIO in BOARD mode
GPIO.setwarnings(False)                                #switches off warnings

#assign pin to LED
led128 = 8
led64 = 10
led32 = 12
led16 = 16
led8 = 18
led4 = 22
led2 = 24
led1 = 26

#configure GPIO pins as output
GPIO.setup(led128, GPIO.OUT)
GPIO.setup(led64, GPIO.OUT)
GPIO.setup(led32, GPIO.OUT)
GPIO.setup(led16, GPIO.OUT)
GPIO.setup(led8, GPIO.OUT)
GPIO.setup(led4, GPIO.OUT)
GPIO.setup(led2, GPIO.OUT)
GPIO.setup(led1, GPIO.OUT)
```

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The next step is to integrate the conversion code we wrote previously into the code, making sure the program matches what's printed below. We'll also import the 'numpy' module:

```
#binary conversion

#import modules

import RPi.GPIO as GPIO          #required to access GPIO pins
from numpy import binary_repr    #required to convert decimal to binary
from time import sleep           #required to keep LEDs on for a short time
```

Now we have to write the code to output binary with our LEDs. To do this, we need to convert our decimal number into a list containing its digits. From this list, we can examine each individual digit – if it's a 1, turn the LED on; if it's a 0, turn it off.

This is the code we use:

```
binary = str(binary)
binary_list = []
for x in range(0,8):
    binary_list.append(binary[x])
```

**! Challenge**  
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Now we have to examine each digit in turn and see whether it's a 1 or a 0. The first digit in the list corresponds to place value 128, the second to place value 64, and so on. The last digit in the list corresponds to place value 1. Because we know the place value the digit corresponds to, we can tell the Raspberry Pi whether to turn the LED on or off. Remember, computers start at 0, so the first digit in our list is at index 0.

```
if binary_list[0] == "1":          #if the first element is 1
    GPIO.output(led128, 1)         #switch on LED128
if binary_list[1] == "1":          #if the second element is 1
    GPIO.output(led64, 1)          #switch on LED64
if binary_list[2] == "1":          #and so on...
    GPIO.output(led32, 1)
if binary_list[3] == "1":
    GPIO.output(led16, 1)
if binary_list[4] == "1":
    GPIO.output(led8, 1)
if binary_list[5] == "1":
    GPIO.output(led4, 1)
if binary_list[6] == "1":
    GPIO.output(led2, 1)
if binary_list[7] == "1":
    GPIO.output(led1, 1)
```

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We also need to switch off all the LEDs before we increment to

```
GPIO.output(led128, 0)           #switches off all LEDs
GPIO.output(led64, 0)
GPIO.output(led32, 0)
GPIO.output(led16, 0)
GPIO.output(led8, 0)
GPIO.output(led4, 0)
GPIO.output(led2, 0)
GPIO.output(led1, 0)

#binary conversion

#import numpy as np
import RPi.GPIO as GPIO           #required to access GPIO
from numpy import binary_repr     #required to convert binary to decimal
from time import sleep           #required to implement delay
GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BOARD)         #set GPIO in 'board' mode
GPIO.setwarnings(False)          #switches off warnings

#assign pin to LED
led128 = 8
led64 = 10
led32 = 12
led16 = 16
led8 = 18
led4 = 22
led2 = 24
led1 = 26

#configure GPIO pin as output
GPIO.setup(led128, GPIO.OUT)
GPIO.setup(led64, GPIO.OUT)
GPIO.setup(led32, GPIO.OUT)
GPIO.setup(led16, GPIO.OUT)
GPIO.setup(led8, GPIO.OUT)
GPIO.setup(led4, GPIO.OUT)
GPIO.setup(led2, GPIO.OUT)
GPIO.setup(led1, GPIO.OUT)
```

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```

denary = 1                                #variable, holds de
while True:
    GPIO.output(led128, 0)                 #switches off all 1
    GPIO.output(led64, 0)
    GPIO.output(led32, 0)
    GPIO.output(led16, 0)
    GPIO.output(led8, 0)
    GPIO.output(led4, 0)
    GPIO.output(led2, 0)
    GPIO.output(led1, 0)
    print(denary)                         #output denary number
    binary = binary + spi.read(1)          #convert denary number
    print(binary)                          #output binary
    binary = str(binary)                   #converts the binary
                                          #string
    binary_list = []                      #creates an empty list
    for x in range(0,8):                  #take each digit in list
        binary_list.append(binary[x])     #and add it to list

    if binary_list[0] == "1":             #if the first element
        GPIO.output(led128, 1)           #switch on LED128
    if binary_list[1] == "1":             #if the second element
        GPIO.output(led64, 1)            #switch on LED64
    if binary_list[2] == "1":             #and so on...
        GPIO.output(led32, 1)
    if binary_list[3] == "1":
        GPIO.output(led16, 1)
    if binary_list[4] == "1":
        GPIO.output(led8, 1)
    if binary_list[5] == "1":
        GPIO.output(led4, 1)
    if binary_list[6] == "1":
        GPIO.output(led2, 1)
    if binary_list[7] == "1":
        GPIO.output(led1, 1)
    sleep(0.5)                            #pause for 0.5 seconds

    denary += 1                           #increment denary number
    if denary > 255:                       #if denary number is
        denary = 1                        #reset it to 1

```

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```

if binary_list[6] == "1":
    GPIO.output(led2, 1)
if binary_list[7] == "1":
    GPIO.output(led1, 1)

sleep(0.5)                                #pause for 0.5 seconds

denary += 1                                #increment denary number
if denary > 255:                            #if denary number is 255
    denary = 1                             #reset it to 1

```

Finally, save the program as 'binary\_LED.py'. Open a terminal window and run the program using:

```
sudo python3 binary_LED.py
```

## STRETCH YOURSELF

- Find out how negative numbers are represented in binary.
- Add to your program a means of outputting negative binary numbers.

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# Up, Down, Left, Right

DURATION: MEDIUM  
DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM

In this project we are going to create a game. The game will be a computer is asking us in terms of the arrow keys up, down, left and right. If the computer says up, we need to hit the up arrow, etc.

## PROJECT AIMS

- To learn to create a game in which you follow what the computer says and hit the arrow keys
- To learn to use an LCD screen to output the computer's instructions

## PROJECT EQUIPMENT

- Basic Raspberry Pi kit
- Breadboard
- Jumper leads
- LCD screen

## PROJECT OUTCOMES

- To output the instructions up, down, left and right
- To be able to use the arrow keys to input a user's response
- To recognise a user's response match the instruction
- To keep score of the matches
- To output the instructions on the LCD screen

## PROJECT TASKS

- Planning the program .....
- Connecting the LCD screen .....
- Import the necessary libraries and initialise LCD screen .....
- Define the variables .....
- Create the program .....



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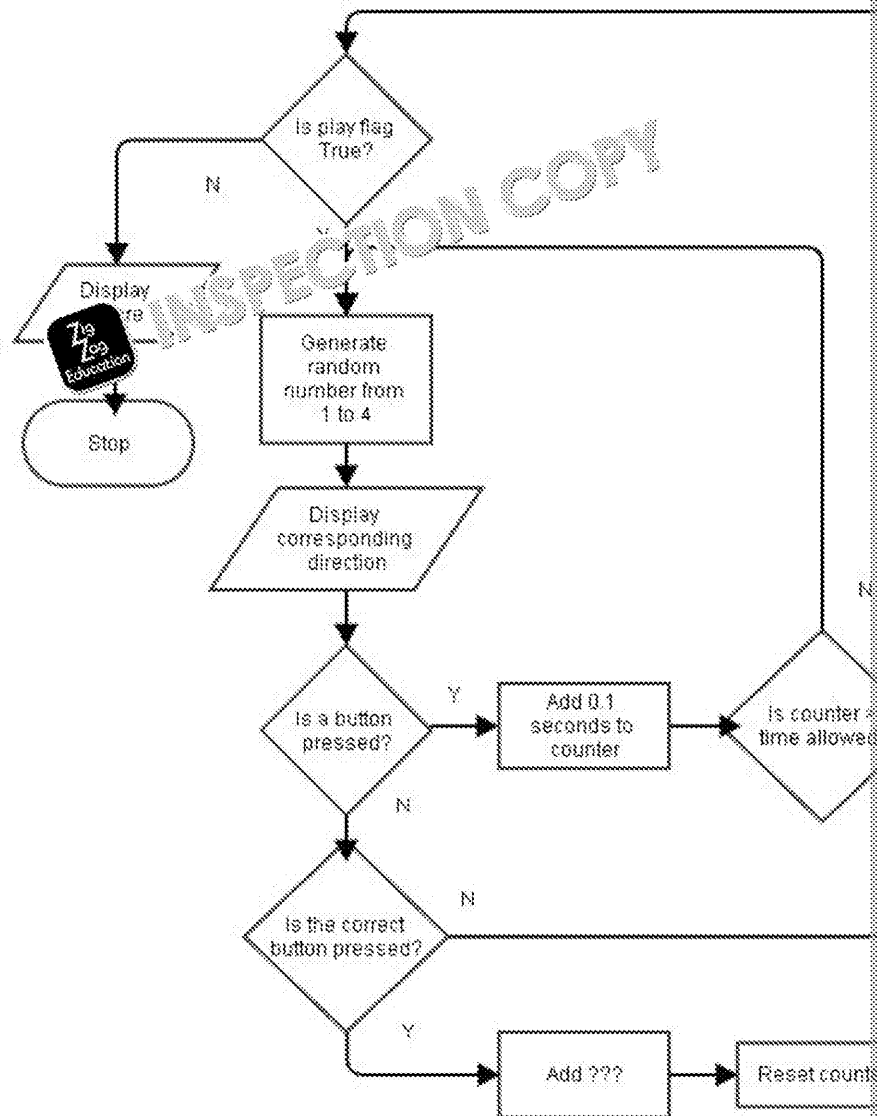


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# Project Tasks

## A) Planning the program

Below is a simple flow chart for the game.



**Challenge:** Look at the flow chart and try to understand what it is doing. There are three errors in the flow chart; can you find them?



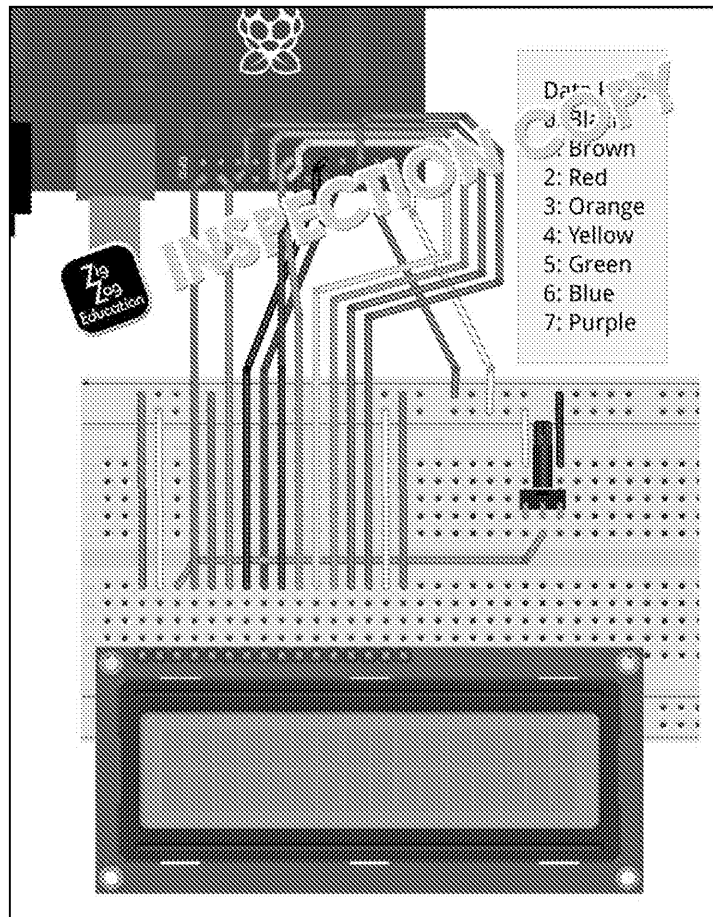
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## B) Connecting the LCD screen

We need to connect the LCD screen to the Raspberry Pi. We do this using a breadboard and jumper leads (see the binary converter project for information on connecting add-ons to the Raspberry Pi).

The setup needs to be wired as follows:



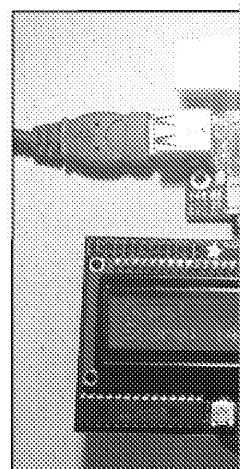
The LCD display that you can use can be a 5 V or a 3.3 V display.

If a 5 V display is used, we need to make sure that the display is connected to the Raspberry Pi.

If it does, it will present 5 V on the GPIO pins and you are likely to destroy the Raspberry Pi as a result.

When using the 5V LCD display you must connect the R/W pin on the display to ground.

You can also use a ribbon cable to connect the LCD screen to the Raspberry Pi (as shown on the right).



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### C) Import the necessary libraries and initialise LCD screen

There are three libraries that we will need for this project. These are 'time', 'random', and from each of these libraries we need two specific functions: 'sleep' and 'randint'. These will be used to create a delay between each instruction the computer will give and to create random instructions. Input the following code:

```
from Adafruit_CharLCDPlate import Adafruit_CharLCDPlate
from time import sleep
from random import randint
```

We now need to initialise the LCD screen using the following:

```
lcd = Adafruit_CharLCDPlate() #identifier for LCD
lcd.begin(16, 1) #initialise LCD
```

### D) Define the variables

We then need to define four variables to store the data we will use in our program:

```
delay=2 #how long the player has to press a button
counter = 0 #runs down the clock
score = 0 #keeps track of how many correct answers
play = True #game continues while True
```

### E) Create the program

Input the following code. There are some gaps that have been left for you to complete.



**Challenge:** Can you work out what each missing piece of code does?

```
from Adafruit_CharLCDPlate import Adafruit_CharLCDPlate
from time import sleep
from random import randint

lcd = Adafruit_CharLCDPlate() #identifier for LCD
lcd.begin(16, 1) #initialise LCD

#declare and initialise variables
delay=2 #how long the player has to press a button
_____ = 0 #runs down the clock
_____ = 0 #keeps track of how many correct answers
play = True #game continues while True
```

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```

lcd.clear()                                #clear the display
lcd.message('Press the\n')                 #display instructions
lcd.message('correct button!')
sleep(2)                                   #pause
lcd.clear()
lcd.message('Ready...\n')
sleep(1)
lcd.message('Steady...')
sleep(1)
lcd.clear()
lcd.message('')
sleep(1)
while play:                                #keep playing
    lcd.clear()
    number = randint(1,4)                  #generate a random number from 1 to 4
    if _____ == 1:                    #if 1
        lcd.message('Left\n')              #display 'Left'
        _____ number == 2:           #if 2
            _____('Right\n')          #display 'Right'
    elif number == 3:                      #if 3
        lcd.message('Up\n')                #display 'Up'
    else:                                  #otherwise
        lcd.message('_____')              #display 'Down'
    while _____ < delay:               #as long as button is pressed
        if lcd.buttonPressed(lcd.LEFT):    #if left button pressed
            if number == 1:                 #and random number is 1
                lcd.message('Correct!')     #output 'Correct'
                _____ +=1              #add 1 to score
            else:                           #otherwise
                play = _____          #play stops
                break                       #exit loop
        if lcd.buttonPressed(lcd.):         #as above for other buttons
            _____ == 2:                #if random number is 2
                lcd.message('Correct')      #output 'Correct'
                score +=1                   #add 1 to score
            else:                           #otherwise
                play = False               #play stops
                break                       #exit loop

```

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```

    if lcd.buttonPressed(lcd.UP):
        if number ==3:
            _____('Correct!')
            score +=1
        else:
            _____ = False
        break

    if lcd.buttonPressed(lcd.DOWN):
        if number == 4:
            lcd.message('Wrong!')
            score =
            play = False
            break
        counter +=0.1
        sleep(0.1)
        if counter > delay:
            play = False

        counter = 0
        sleep(delay)

lcd.clear()
lcd.message('Oops!\n')
lcd.message('Score: ' + str(score))

```

#run down the counter  
#pause to allow the user to respond  
#if the player responds correctly  
#play stops  
#reset counter  
#pause  
#clear LCD of previous message  
#game over message  
#output score

Run the program and follow the instructions on the LCD screen and press the buttons for the computer's instructions.

## STRETCH YOURSELF

- Find out how to make the computer's instructions speed up as the user's score increases. This way the instructions will appear more quickly and the user will be able to score more quickly.
- Find out a way to light up a green LED if the instruction is matched and a red if the user response is incorrect.

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# COUNTDOWN

DURATION: MEDIUM

DIFFICULTY: EASY

For this project we are going to create a countdown timer, using outputs and inputs for display and control.

## PROJECT AIMS

- To program a countdown timer in Python
- To learn how to use the Python  module to implement delays
- To learn how to validate an input to accept only certain numbers
- To learn how to use the OS module to clear the screen
- To use the Raspberry Pi's hardware facilities to create a matching LED output and a button control

## PROJECT OUTCOMES

- It will allow the number of minutes to count down
- The inputs will only allow a range of minutes and seconds
- As the timer counts down, the time remaining will be displayed on the screen
- The display will be updated before the next display

## PROJECT EQUIPMENT

- Basic Raspberry Pi kit

### Extension:

- Buttons
- Jumper wires
- LEDs
- Breadboard

## PROJECT TASKS

A) Flow charts.....

B) Design the program .....

C) Create the program .....

Extension .....

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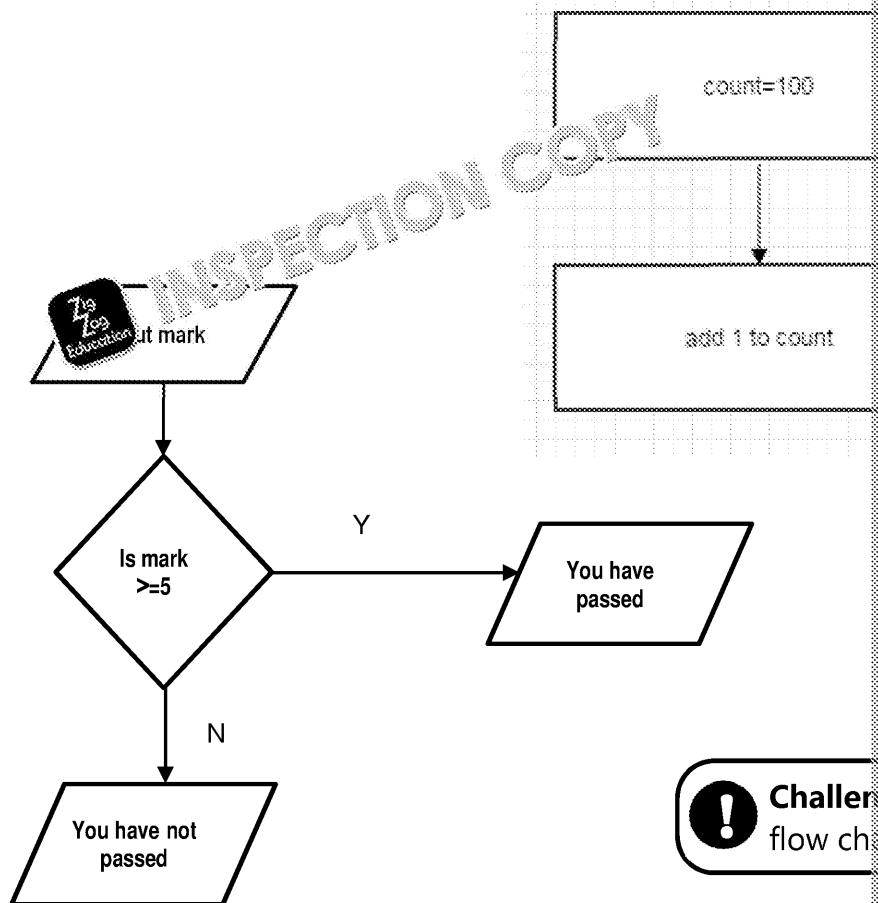
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# Project Tasks

## A) Flow charts

Below are two flowcharts:



**!** Challenge flow chart

Before we can code our countdown timer, we will need to design it.

## B) Design the program

Create a flow chart using selection, iteration and sequence to represent the countdown program you will work.



- What inputs will be required?
- What outputs will be required?
- What decisions need to be made?
- What checks need to be made?

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## C) Create the program

You will need to create the following program in Python to create a countdown timer. There are some gaps in the code.



**Challenge:** Can you guess what the missing pieces of code are?

```
#import time function from sleep module
#time will be used to implement the seconds' delay
from time import sleep

#import os module which will be used to clear the display
import os

#create a function to validate the inputs for minutes and seconds
def get_number():
    #loop until a valid number is input
    while _____:
        try:
            number=_____(input(""))
            #if valid number is input, exit the loop
            if _____ >=0 and number <=59:
                break
            else:
                #if a number outside the valid range
                #display a message informing the user
                _____("Enter a number from 0 to 59")
        except:
            #if a letter etc. is input
            #display a message informing the user
            print("Not a number. Enter a number from 0 to 59")
    #return the input number
    _____ number

#main
#clear the display
os.system("clear")

#get minutes and seconds for countdown
print("How many minutes? (0 to 59) ")
minutes = get_number()
print("How many seconds? (0 to 59) ")
seconds = get_number()
```

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```

#check that there is still time to count down
if minutes >=0:
    #create countdown loop
    while True:
        #clear the display
        os.system("clear")
        #display time remaining
        display = "Time remaining: " + ____ (minutes)
        print(____)
        #pause for one second
        sleep(1)
        #reduce time remaining by one second
        seconds -=1
        #check to see if seconds remaining is now 0
        #if yes, reduce minutes left by 1 and reset
        if seconds ==-1:
            minutes -=1
            seconds =59
        #check to see if minutes remaining is now 0
        #if yes then exit the loop
        if minutes ==-1:
            break

#display finish message
print("Time's up!")

```

## Extension

The display needs formatting properly. Both minutes and seconds displayed with two digits. If less than 10 seconds remains, a '0' is put in front of the seconds to maintain the two digits. For example, if 10 minutes and 2 seconds as 10:2 the display should read 10:02. It is the same requirement for minutes.

Design three possible tests that you could use to prove that your code meets the requirements.

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## STRETCH YOURSELF

- Try to create an addition to the timer so that when the time runs out, light five LEDs, one for each second to count down. As the seconds elapse, the corresponding LED until none remain when the countdown has finished.
- Add a start/stop feature using a button.
- Add a stopwatch feature to the program, such as: once the button is pressed, the timer starts and counts upwards. When the button is pressed again, the timer stops and the time is displayed.
- Add a menu so that the user may choose to run either the countdown timer or the stopwatch.



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# NETWORK WEB SERVER

DURATION: SHORT  
DIFFICULTY: EASY

For this project we are going to turn our Raspberry Pi into a local web server.

In this project we are going to compare the relative speed of the Raspberry Pi using the Command Line versus the Graphical User Interface.

## PROJECT AIMS

- To understand what a webserver is
- To learn how to install and configure a web server on a Raspberry Pi using Apache
- To learn how to access the web server's pages from another device on the network
- To understand how to add our own pages to the web server

## PROJECT OUTCOMES

- It will host web pages that can be accessed on our local network
- It will use Apache web server software for hosting
- It will allow easy adding of pages

## PROJECT EQUIPMENT

- Basic Raspberry Pi
- Network connection

## PROJECT TASKS

- A) Installing Apache on the Raspberry Pi .....
- B) Access the Raspberry Pi web server from another device.....
- C) Edit the default web page .....
- D) Add a new page .....



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# Introduction to Web Servers

The Internet is a huge network of computers spread across the world. These computers access information and some provide information often presented via web pages. Computers that host websites are known as web servers. When we visit a page or site on the Internet, we connect to one or more web servers.

It's not just the Internet that has web servers. Many organisations and schools have web servers that can only be accessed from the local area network (LAN). This type of network, along with the web server, is called an intranet. Intranets help organisations share data and information and data safe from unauthorised users on the Internet.

We will learn how to turn our Raspberry Pi into an intranet web server that can host web pages that can be accessed on our LAN.

## Project Tasks

### A) Installing Apache on the Raspberry Pi

The first step is to install Apache on our Raspberry Pi. Apache is a source web server that is used by organisations over the world to host web pages. It is extremely simple to set up, but has many facilities that users can implement. However, our web server will be quite simple.

To install Apache, make sure the Pi has an Internet connection, open the **LXTerminal** window (or from the command prompt) and type:

```
sudo apt-get install apache2 -y
```

The software will take a few moments to install.

During the installing process, Apache installs a sample web page. To check that the web server is correctly activated, open a web browser and type the IP address of our Raspberry Pi.

Every computer on a network has a unique network address. This is called the computer's IP address and is needed so that other computers can send messages for our computer. Think of an IP address as a home address or even our phone number. Without the address or phone number, we wouldn't know how to contact us. In fact, on a network any device with a network connection has an IP address, even devices such as printers, smartphones and smart TVs.

Before we can use another computer to control our Raspberry Pi, we need to know our Pi's IP address. Finding it is easy:

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Either via an **LXTerminal** window, or the command prompt, enter

```
ifconfig
```

Done correctly, this will generate a message along the lines of

```
Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr b8:27:eb:5f:f6:bb
inet addr:192.168.1.89  Bcast:192.168.1.255  Mask 255.255.255
UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
RX packets:252 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
TX packets:100 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
Collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
RX bytes:37493 (36.6 KiB)  TX bytes:9528 (9.3 KiB)
```

This information tells us lots of useful information about the Pi. However, the information we need sits in the second line:

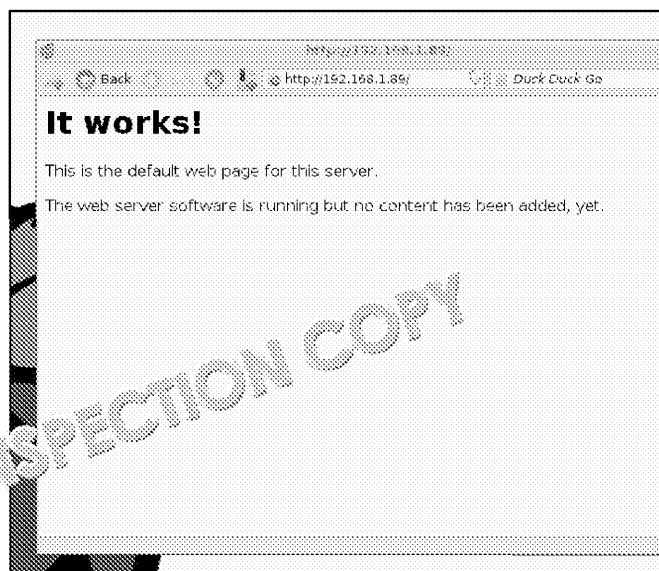
```
inet addr:192.168.1.89  Bcast:192.168.1.255  Mask 255.255.255
```

The IP address of our Raspberry Pi is the first collection of four numbers: **192.168.1.89**. Make a note of whatever address is given here as this is the address to which we can access our web server.

Now, using Midori, enter the Pi's IP address into the address bar at the beginning:

```
http://192.168.1.89
```

We should now see the default web page:



The web server is installed and configured.

**NOTE:** Now that Apache is installed, it will run automatically when the Raspberry Pi boots up.

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## B) Access the Raspberry Pi web server from another device

Next, try accessing the same web page from another device. At another device's web browser, type the web server, as before. You should see the same page:



## C) Edit the default web page

The Apache web server we have installed has a specified directory where the server's web pages are hosted. We need to access this directory to add, remove or edit any web pages.

The web server directory is '/var/www'. To access this directory, open the LXTerminal Window. Next, type in:

```
cd /var/www
```

This will change the current directory to the web server's root directory. At this point should list contents of the directory:

```
pi@raspberrypi /var/www $ ls
index.html
```

The home page of a website is usually given the name 'index.html'. In our case, our web server's home page is 'index.html'.

To edit this page we will use the 'sudo' command to allow us to edit files. We also have to use a text editor. Type:

```
sudo nano index.html
```

The editor will display the web page's code. It is written in a language called Hypertext Markup Language, or HTML for short.

```
<html><body><h1>It works!</h1>
<p>This is the default web page for this server.</p>
<p>The web server software is running but no content has been added, yet.</p>
</body></html>
```

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Notice that some of the text in the document sits with brackets.

```
<html>
<body>
<h1>
<p>
```

Do not edit this text in any way! These are special keywords known to a web browser how and where to display content on a web page.

Each tag is opened and must be closed. An opening tag uses a < and a closing tag uses a / within the angular brackets < />. The content between the open and close tags is affected by them. For example, to specify a heading, we present the <h1> tag in the document like this:



```
<h1>It works!</h1>
```

Explanation:

<h1>	–	opens the tag
It works!	–	The content within the tag
</h1>	–	closes the tag

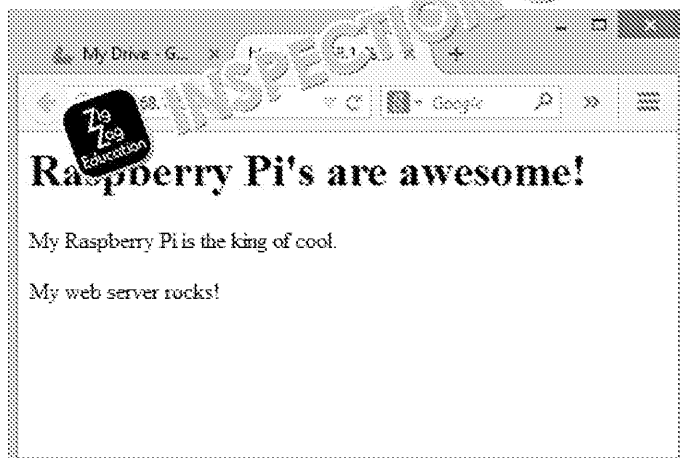
**Before we go any further, save a copy of the index.html file in the correct location. Otherwise, it will be wrong.**

Now, try changing the content within the tags, but don't move them unless you are comfortable using HTML.

Try this:

```
<html><body><h1>Raspberry Pi's are awesome!</h1>
<p>My Raspberry Pi is the king of cool.</p>
<p>My web server rocks!</p>
</body></html>
```

Save the index file using **ctrl + x**. Use **ctrl + c + t** to exit the editor. On a browser on another device, open up the web server's page:



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Try adding another paragraph:

```
<html><body><h1>Raspberry Pi's are awesome!</h1>
<p>My Raspberry Pi is the king of cool.</p>
<p>My web server rocks!</p>
<p>ZigZag rocks too!</p>
</body></html>
```



## D) Add a new page

Adding a new page is straightforward. First, using 'nano', open 'index.html' file and, using ctrl + o, save it under the file name 'page2.html'. Then, change the text to read:

```
<html><body><h1>This is page 2!</h1>
<p>I made this page.</p>
<p>This means that I rock too!</p>
</body></html>
```

Save the file, then view it in your browser using the address:

<http://192.168.1.89/page2>



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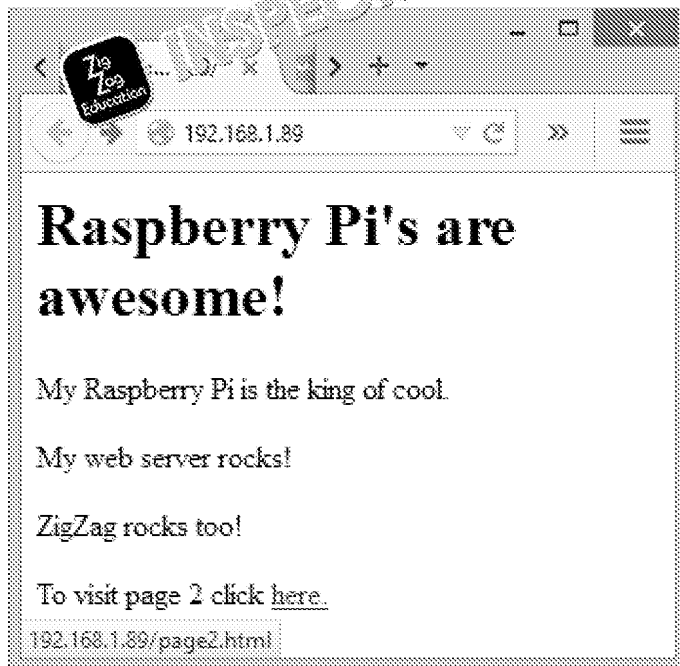


Now we need to add a **hyperlink** to our index page, which will be done by clicking on a link.

To do this, open up the index using the nano editor and add the

```
<html><body><h1>Raspberry Pi's are awesome!</h1>
<p>My Raspberry Pi is the king of cool.</p>
<p>My web server rocks!</p>
<p>ZigZag rocks too!</p>
<p>To visit page 2 click <a href="/page2.html">here.</a>
</body></html>
```

Save the file, and view it through the browser:



We now have a Raspberry Pi web server, two web pages, and a way to go from one to another.

## STRETCH YOURSELF

- Using the code above, add a hyperlink from the second page back to the first page.
- Find out how to add a hyperlink to an external website.
- Find out how to format text in colour, or in a different font.
- Insert a picture or two, or even a YouTube video.

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# FOLLOW ME

DURATION: LONG  
DIFFICULTY: HARD

For this project we are going to turn our Raspberry Pi into a challenge using buttons and LEDs. The LEDs will light in an increasingly long sequence and the player must memorise the sequence and press the correct button in the sequence to stay in the game. The sequence will also speed up as the game progresses.

## PROJECT AIMS

- To learn about the Raspberry Pi's GPIO interface
- To learn how to use the GPIO interface as an output to light LEDs
- To learn how to use the GPIO interface as an input with buttons
- To learn about procedures and how to use them in Python

## PROJECT EQUIPMENT

- Basic Raspberry Pi kit
- Full-size breadboard
- 2 LEDs
- 5 × female-to-male jumper leads
- 5 × male-to-male jumper leads
- 1 × 470 ohm resistor

## PROJECT OUTCOMES

- It will use the GPIO interface
- It will use two LEDs to light a sequence of light
- It will use a button for the player to press the sequence
- It will keep track of rounds the player has won
- At the end of the sequence will the game will speed up
- It will automatically the player loses

## PROJECT TASKS

- Reconnect the board to use the Raspberry Pi's GPIO interface .....
- Build the circuit .....
- Learn about procedures .....
- Learn how our game works .....
- Write the program .....

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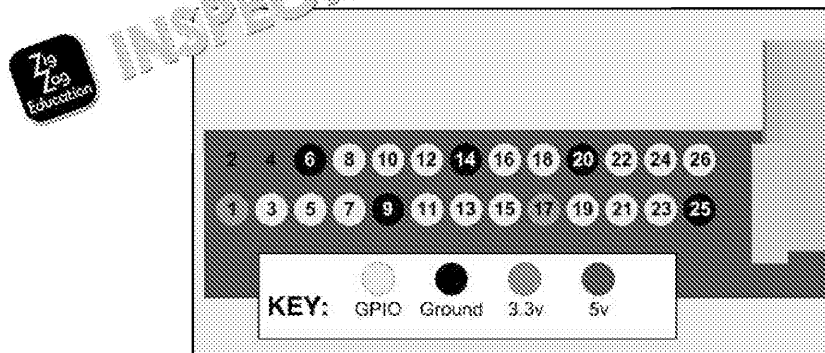


# Project Tasks

## A) Remembering how to use the Raspberry Pi's GPIO interface

One of the many great things about the Raspberry Pi is the built-in (General Purpose Input Output) interface. This interface allows the Pi to communicate with other devices and components. The GPIO interface is the set of pins along the edge of the board, along from the Video-Out port.

Each pin carries a signal in or out of the Pi. We can configure 17 pins as inputs or outputs. The remaining pins are for power or ground pins and should be used carefully. Power can be delivered at 3.3 V or 5 V, depending on the pin.



**NOTE:** Be extremely careful when using the GPIO pins – connecting wrong pins can damage the Pi.

The pins each have a name/number, and there are two methods – 'BCM' and 'BOARD'. Board numbering assigns a number from 1 to 26 and this is the method we will use.

**REMEMBER:** Pins 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 14, 17, 20 and 25 are power/ground pins and should be used for inputs/outputs.

We can use Python to control the GPIO pins. First, we have to import the GPIO module, then state that we will be using the GPIO pins and configure the pins as inputs or outputs. The code below configures two pins:

Pin 3 as a input (for use with a button)

Pin 19 as an output (for use with an LED)

```
import sys
import RPi.GPIO as GPIO
GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BOARD)
GPIO.setwarnings(False)

button1 = 3
led1 = 19
GPIO.setup(button1, GPIO.IN)
GPIO.setup(led1, GPIO.OUT)
```

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To receive an input from a button, we have to tell the Raspberry Pi for a signal. The button is connected to the Pi via an electrical circuit. When the button is pressed, the circuit is complete and current flows; when we release the button, the current flow stops. When the pin receives current, an input is received. To tell the Pi to listen for a signal is:

```
while True:                                #repeat continuously
    while GPIO.input(button1):              #listen for button press
        pass
    if GPIO.input(button1) == False:         #when button is released
        #do whatever, e.g. print("button pressed")
```

To operate an LED, we simply tell the pin to carry a current or not.

```
GPIO.output(led1, 1)                       #turns LED1 on
```

To turn an LED off:

```
GPIO.output(led1, 0)                       #turns LED1 off
```

## B) Build the circuit

Before we program the game, we need to build the inputs and outputs. The game will use two LEDs to generate the sequence to be memorized and to allow the user to replay the sequence.

We will need the following components:

- Basic Raspberry Pi kit
- Full-size breadboard
- 2 × LEDs
- 5 × female-to-male jumper leads
- 5 × male-to-male jumper leads
- 1 × 470 ohm resistor

Connect the components as follows:

Place the resistor on the breadboard, one leg in slot e55, the other in slot g60.

Using one male-to-female jumper lead, connect the female end to slot e55 (ground), and the male end to slot c60. This connects the resistor to ground.

Using a male-to-male jumper lead, place one end in slot c55, and the other end in slot g55 (ground (blue) track at slot 55). We now have a resistor-protected LED circuit.

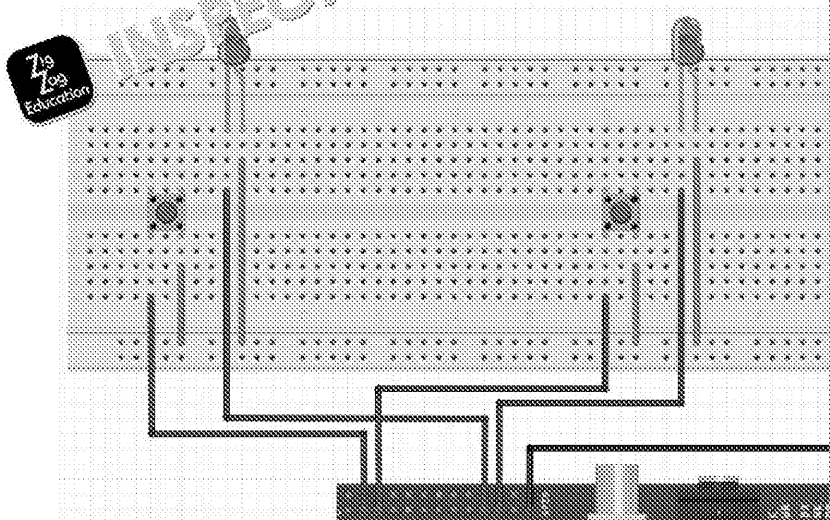
Now, place the remaining components and leads as follows:

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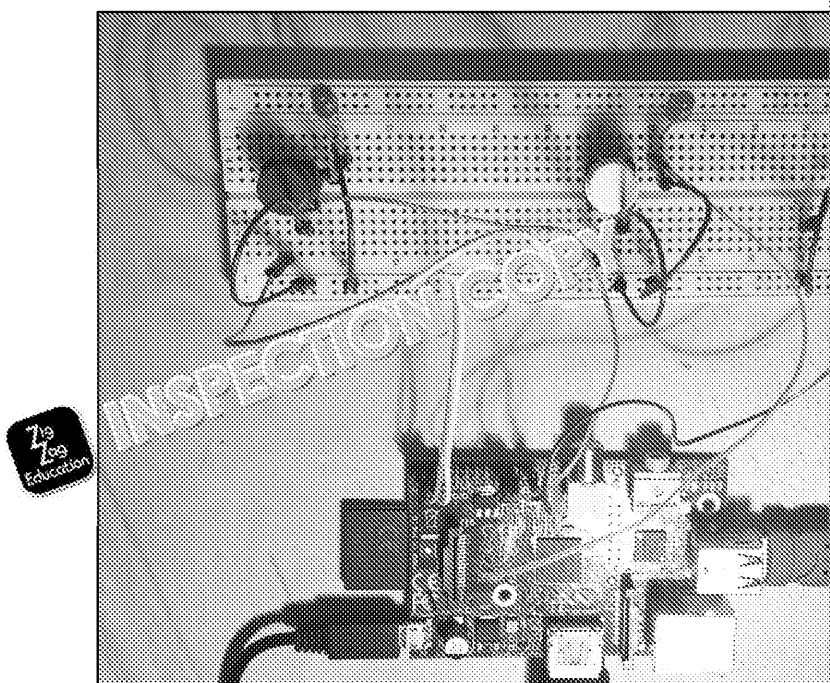


LED	LED slots	Ground lead slots	+v
led1	j10, j11	h11, ground track 11	f10
led2	j40, j41	h41, ground track 41	f49

Button	Button slots	Ground lead slots	+v
button1	e5, e7	a7, ground track 7	a5,
button2	e35, e37	a37, ground track 37	a35



You circuit should look like this:



We have now completed our hardware building. Next we need

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## C) Learn about procedures

When we program, we can find that we end up using the same and again in different parts of our program. As a result, our code is longer than needed. Lengthy code is harder to debug when things go wrong as there is more code to search through for mistakes.

One solution is to use what are known as 'procedures'. A procedure is a mini-program, if you like, that we run when we need it. Running a procedure is known as 'calling it'.

For example, suppose we had a program that lit eight LEDs. Even to switch all the LEDs off, we would have to use code such as this:

```
GPIO.output(led1, 0)      #turns LED1 off
GPIO.output(led2, 0)      #turns LED2 off
GPIO.output(led3, 0)      #turns LED3 off
GPIO.output(led4, 0)      #turns LED4 off
GPIO.output(led5, 0)      #turns LED5 off
GPIO.output(led6, 0)      #turns LED6 off
GPIO.output(led7, 0)      #turns LED7 off
GPIO.output(led8, 0)      #turns LED8 off
```

Doing it this way, we would need to use eight lines of code at every point in our program where we needed to switch off the LEDs. However, we can use a procedure instead:

```
def LEDs_off():
    GPIO.output(led1, 0)      #turns LED1 off
    GPIO.output(led2, 0)      #turns LED2 off
    GPIO.output(led3, 0)      #turns LED3 off
    GPIO.output(led4, 0)      #turns LED4 off
    GPIO.output(led5, 0)      #turns LED5 off
    GPIO.output(led6, 0)      #turns LED6 off
    GPIO.output(led7, 0)      #turns LED7 off
    GPIO.output(led8, 0)      #turns LED8 off
```

In the above code, we have created (defined) a procedure which switches off all the LEDs. The procedure is created in the first line, using the statement `def` and giving our procedure a name.

Now the procedure has been created, we can call it at any time using its name:

```
LEDs_off()
```

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Supposing there are four places in our program where we would use all the LEDs. If we didn't use a procedure, we would need 32 lines of code (8 lines each of 4 times). By coding a procedure, and calling it each of the 4 times, we only need 13 lines of code (9 to define it, one to call it each of the 4 times). A considerable saving in time and effort.

Additionally, if we needed to amend our code, say by adding a new LED, we only have to add the line of code once, in the procedure. This also makes the program much simpler, as we only have to debug the lines of code once.

Overall, using procedures is a neater, simpler way to code a program.

Our memory game program uses several procedures to help simplify the code.

- `turn_off_leds()` – switches off all LEDs.
- `generate_sequence()` – generates the LED sequence to be played.
- `play_sequence()` – lights the LEDs in the correct sequence.
- `player_turn()` – records the player's inputs.
- `right_or_wrong()` – determines whether the sequence has been followed.



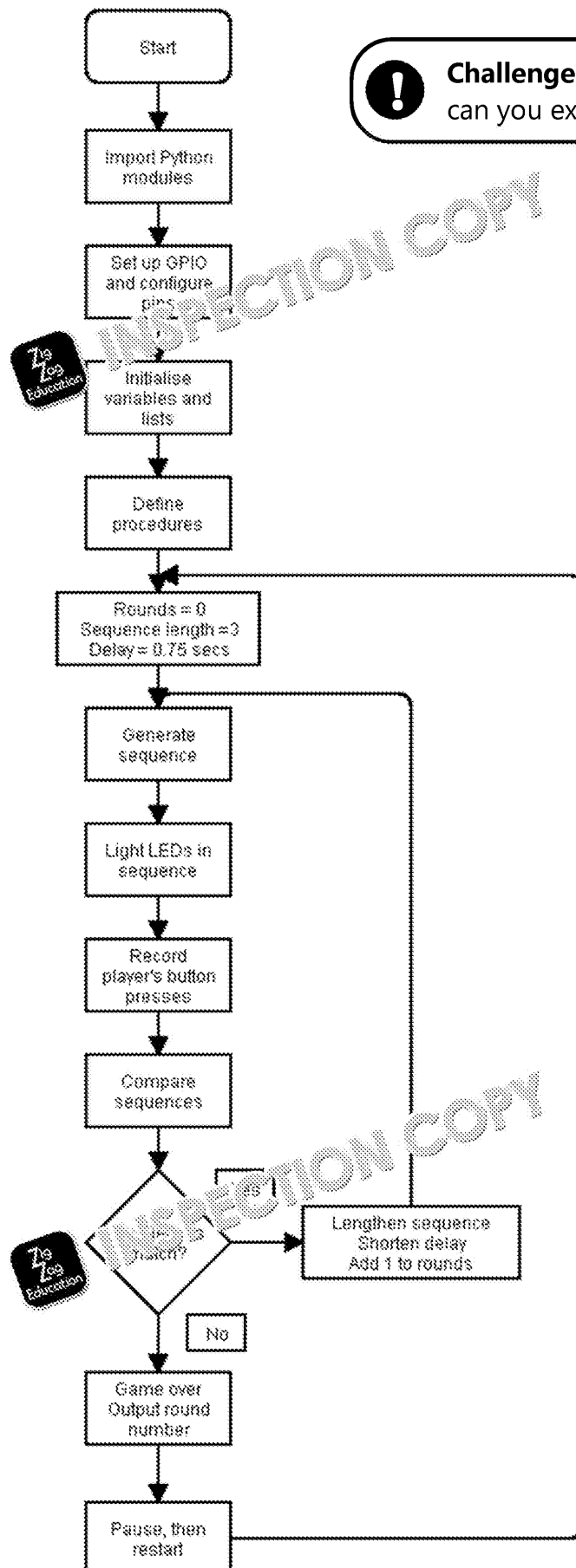
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## D) Learn how our game works

Before we code our game, we need to understand how it will work. The following flow chart describes the game:



**Challenge:** Look at the flowchart and explain what it does.

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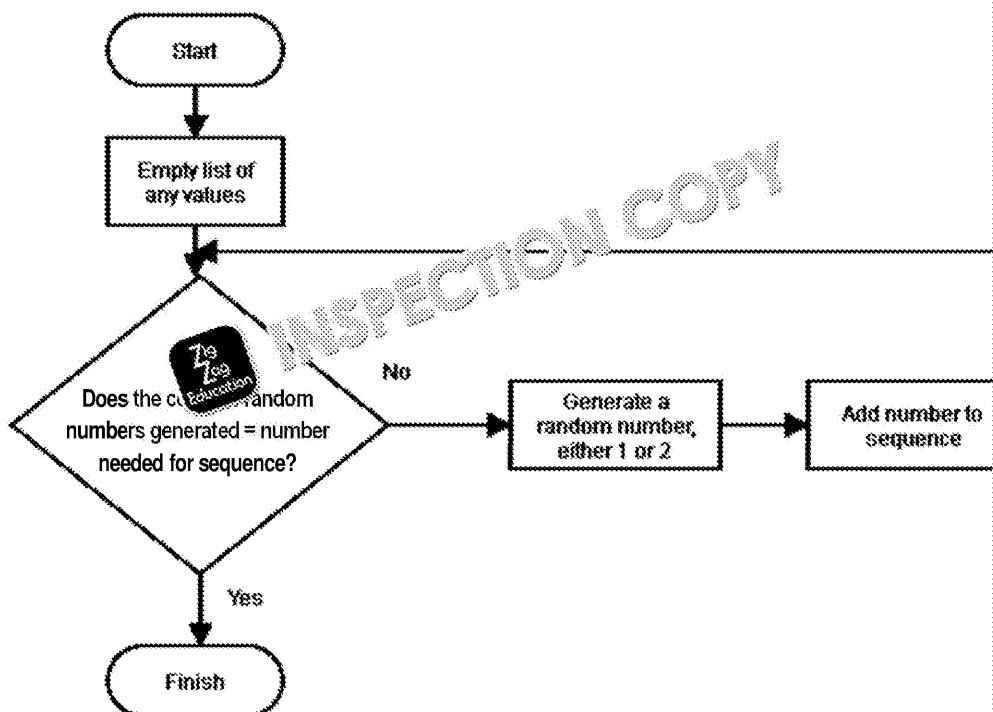
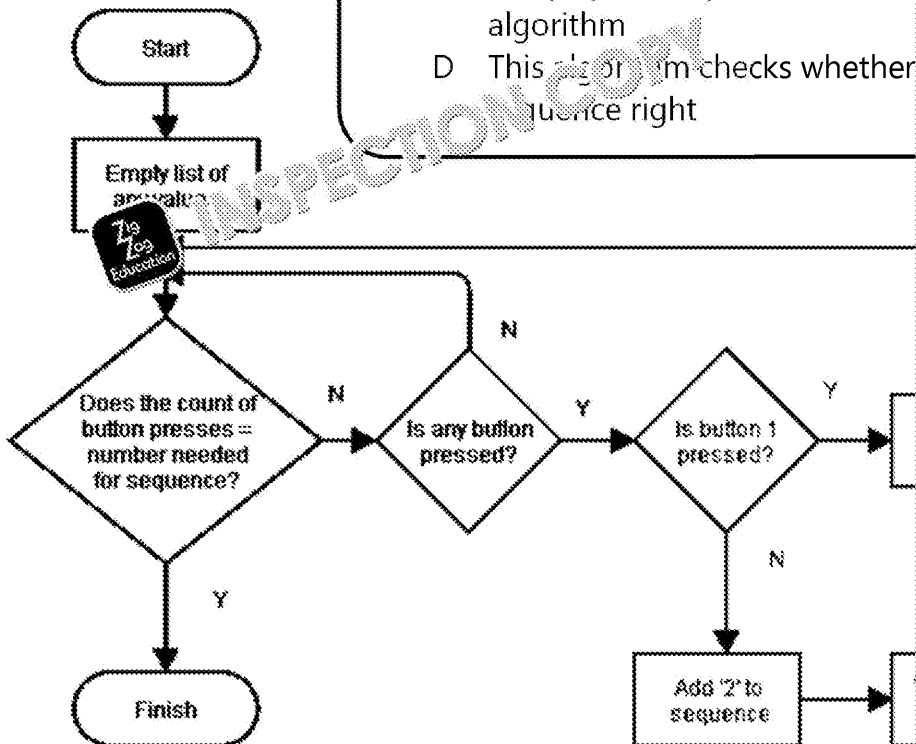
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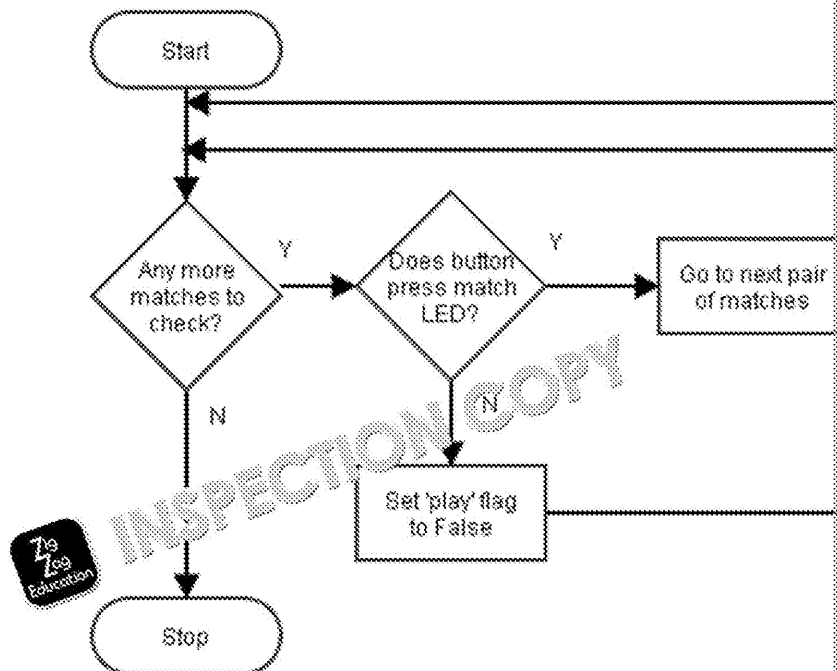
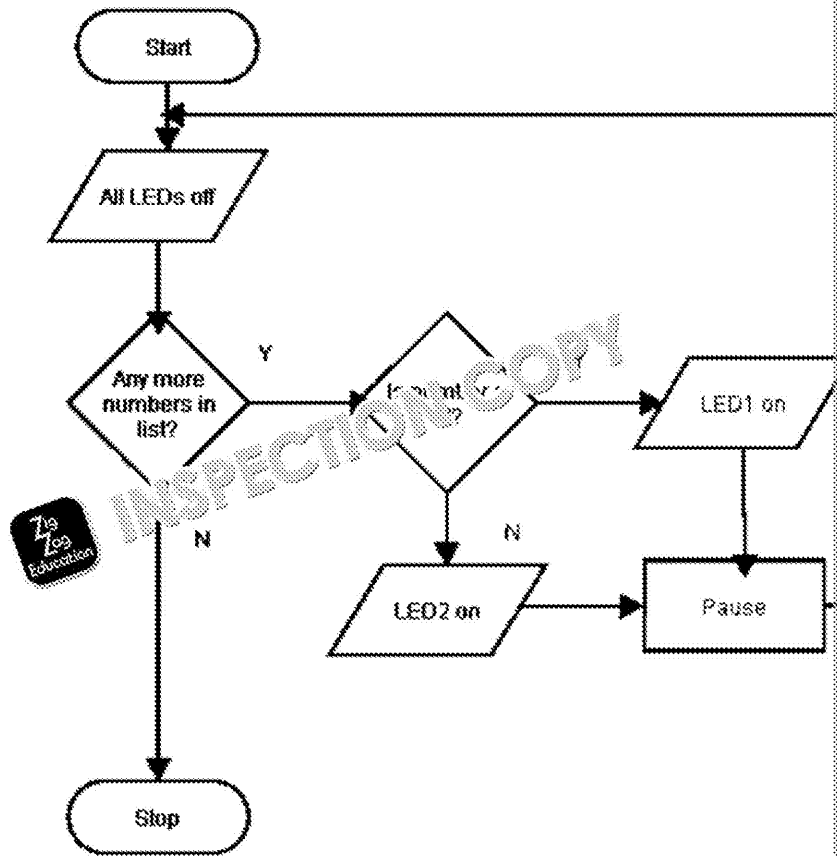
**Challenge:** There are four flow charts needed to create the program. Can you guess what each flow chart is for and select the correct letter from the four options below to match the correct flow chart:

- A The sequence is generated using a random number algorithm
- B The LED's are lit in sequence using a loop
- C The player's sequence is recorded using a loop
- D This algorithm checks whether the player's sequence is right



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## E) Write the program

First, open up a new IDLE3 window, then enter the following code:

```
#watch the sequence of LEDs
#match the pattern

#import modules
from time import sleep

import random

import RPi.GPIO as GPIO

#set GPIO mode
GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BOARD)

led1 = 19
led2 = 21
GPIO.setup(led1, GPIO.OUT)
GPIO.setup(led2, GPIO.OUT)

button1 = 3

button2 = 5

GPIO.setup(button1, GPIO.IN)
GPIO.setup(button2, GPIO.IN)

#initialise variables and lists
global count

global seq

global player

global rounds

global delay

#define procedures
def LEDs_off():
    GPIO.output(led1, 0)
    GPIO.output(led2, 0)

def make_sequence():
    #required
    #delays
    #required
    #random number
    #required
    #sets GPIO mode
    #assigns
    #assigns
    #sets pin
    #sets pin
    #assigns
    #button
    #assigns
    #button
    #sets pin
    #sets pin
    #variable
    #LEDs will
    #list
    #sequence
    #list
    #sequence
    #variable
    #number
    #variable
    #between
    #turns
    #turns
    #turns
    #procedure
    #sequence
```

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```

for x in range(0,count):
    number = random.randint(1,2)
    seq.append(number)

def play_sequence():
    for item in seq:
        LEDs_off()
        sleep(delay)

        if item == 1:
            GPIO.output(led1, 1)
        else:
            GPIO.output(led2, 1)
        sleep(delay)
        LEDs_off()

def player_turn():
    counter = 0

    while counter != count:
        LEDs_off()
        while GPIO.input(1but) and GPIO.input(button2):
            pass
        if GPIO.input(1but) == False:
            GPIO.output(led1, 1)
            player.append(1)
            sleep(0.5)
            counter +=1
        if GPIO.input(button2) == False:
            GPIO.output(led2, 1)
            player.append(2)
            sleep(0.5)
            counter +=1
        LEDs_off()

def right_or_wrong():

```

#iterates times  
#generate either 1  
#procedure sequence  
#for every sequence  
#first sequence  
#then pass  
#light 1 sequence  
#light 2 sequence  
#pause  
#switch  
#procedure player's  
#variable moves the  
#loop  
#switch  
#while not  
#if left  
#light 1  
#record  
#pause to reset  
#increment button press  
#same but  
#turn all  
#procedure with play

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```

global play

play = True
for x in range(0, count):
    print (player[x], seq[x])

    if player[x] != seq[x]:
        play= False

#main program
count = 3

delay = 0.75

round = 0

while True:
    seq=[]
    player=[]

    LEDs_off()
    make_sequence()

    print('watch the sequence...')
    sleep(2)
    play_sequence()
    print ('ready...')
    sleep(0.5)
    print ('steady...')
    sleep(0.5)
    print ('go!')
    player_turn()
    right_or_wrong()

    if play:
        print ('Yay, you got it right!')
        print ("It's getting's harder!")
        round = round + 1
        count = count + 1
        delay = delay - 0.1
        sleep(2)
    else:
        print ('Oh dear, you got it wrong')
        print ('never mind')

```

```

#flag. if
keep going

#for every
#print player
sequence

#if they
#flag set

#sets initial
LEDs lit

#sets initial
seconds

#sets round

#game loop
#empties
#empties

#turn off
#call make
procedure

#call player
#call sequence
procedure

#if all

#increment
#increment
by 1
#decrease
by 0.1 seconds
#pause
#game over

```

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```

print ('try again!')
print ('rounds completed: ' + str(rounds))
count = 3                                     #reset c
rounds = 0
delay = 0.75
print('Restarting shortly...')
sleep(5)

```

Save the program with the file name 'follow\_me.py'. Open an terminal window and run the program with the command:

```
sudo python3 follow_me.py
```



## STRETCH YOURSELF

- Add more LEDs and buttons, perhaps even different coloured ones to each sequence.
- Work out how to record the number of correct button presses.
- Improve the on-screen display.
- Combine this project with the 'Camera' project to automatically take a photo of the player if he lasts for the most rounds.



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# DIGITAL CAMERA

DURATION: MEDIUM

DIFFICULTY: HARD

One of the many great things about the Raspberry Pi is the variety of accessories that can be attached to it, such as a camera. For this project we are going to turn our Raspberry Pi into a portable digital camera. We will also learn how to stamp a file.

## PROJECT AIMS

- To learn how to use a Raspberry Pi Standard Camera
- To turn our Raspberry Pi into a portable digital camera
- To learn how to automatically give files a unique name

## PROJECT OUTCOMES

- It will be portable
- It will be operable
- It will use an LED so that the camera is on picture
- It will store each image with a unique time-stamped file name

## PROJECT EQUIPMENT

- Basic Raspberry Pi kit
- Raspberry Pi Standard Camera
- Half-size breadboard
- 1 × LED
- 1 × button
- 1 × 470 ohm resistor
- 3 × female-to-male
- Mobile phone port
- A couple of strong
- 2 × male-to-male
- Raspberry Pi case
- Blu-Tack (or similar)

## PROJECT TASKS

- A) Taking a picture .....Error
- B) Adding a button and LED .....Error
- C) Building the camera .....Error
- D) Making the camera portable .....Error

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# Project Tasks

## A) Taking a photo

There are several ways in which a Raspberry Pi Standard Camera can be instructed to take a photo, but we will learn how to use Python to do this. We will also allow us to use a button and LED to control the camera.

**NOTE:** This guide assumes you have already installed the camera module before we continue, following the instructions supplied with it.

Initially, our program will be very simple. Open up a new file in a text editor and it will be ready to begin.

First, we need to import three Python modules, 'picamera', 'datetime', and 'time'. 'picamera' gives us access to the camera functions, 'datetime' allows us to get the current time and date, and 'time' allows us to implement a delay between taking the current time and date in a format suitable for a file name.

```
import picamera
from datetime import datetime
from time import sleep, strftime
```

Once a photo has been taken, we need to save it as a file. However, if we save every photo a different and unique file name or the Pi will overwrite the previous photo every time we take a new one. A great way to do this is to use the current time and date for every photo, so that the file name is the date- and time that the photo was taken. This gives each photo a unique file name.

To create a unique date- and timestamped filename, add this code to the file:

```
now = datetime.now().strftime('%d%m%Y%H%M%S')
print(now)
file_name = now + '.jpg'
```

The code instructs the Pi to check the current date and time and then save the file name the current date and time. 'file\_name' gives the file name the current date and time.

Now we need to add the code that takes the photo:

```
with picamera.PiCamera() as camera:
    camera.resolution = (640,480)           #sets the resolution
    camera.start_preview()                  #starts the camera preview
    sleep(1)                                #records for 1 second
    camera.capture(file_name)                #saves the photo
    camera.stop_preview()
    camera.close()
```

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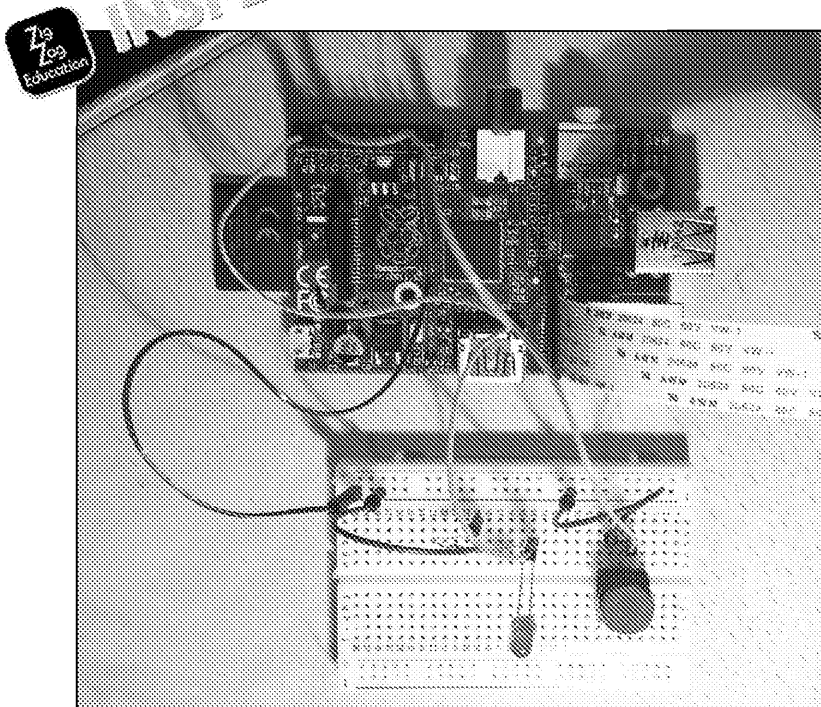
Save the file with the file name 'camera.py'. Open up an **LXTerm** the program:

```
sudo python3 camera.py
```

Now open up 'File Manager' and you should see a photo store with the current date and time as its file name.

## B) Adding a button and LED

For our Raspberry Pi portable camera to be practical, we need to be able to control the Pi without a keyboard or mouse. A simple way is to add – the button to take a photo, and the LED to tell us when the Pi is



**NOTE:** For information on how the Raspberry Pi's GPIO interface works, see the 'Binary Conversion' project.

First we need to import the Raspberry Pi GPIO Python module. Add the following code to the program. Make sure you use the correct upper-case letters.

```
import picamera
from datetime import datetime
from time import sleep, strftime
import RPi.GPIO as GPIO
```

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Next we need to set up two GPIO pins, one as an input (for the button) and one as an output (for the LED).

```
led = 8                                #assign pin 8 to the LED
but = 3                                #assign pin 3 to the button
GPIO.setup(led, GPIO.OUT)              #configure pin 8 as an output
GPIO.setup(but, GPIO.IN)               #configure pin 3 as an input
```

We will use the LED to tell us when the Pi is ready to take a picture. The LED will be lit when the Pi is ready and unlit when it is busy:

```
GPIO.output(led, 1)                    #Pi is ready to take a picture
```

The button is used to take a picture. Until the button is pressed, the LED is lit. Once the button is pressed, the LED is unlit, and the camera takes a picture.

```
while True:
    GPIO.input(but):
        pass

    GPIO.output(led, 0)                 #Pi is taking photo

    with picamera.PiCamera() as camera:
        camera.resolution = (640,480)   #sets the resolution
        camera.start_preview()          #starts the camera
        sleep(1)                         #records for 1 second
        camera.capture(file_name)        #saves the photo
        camera.stop_preview()
        camera.close()
```

All that's left to do is to add a loop so that the camera can take pictures continuously. The completed code looks like this:

```
import picamera
from time import sleep, strftime
import RPi.GPIO as GPIO
from datetime import datetime

GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BOARD)
led=8
but=3
GPIO.setup(led, GPIO.OUT)
GPIO.setup(but, GPIO.IN)

while True:
    GPIO.output(led,1)
    while GPIO.input(but):
        pass
```

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```
GPIO.output(led, 0)

now = datetime.now().strftime('%d%m%Y%H%M%S')
file_name = now + '.jpg'

with picamera.PiCamera() as camera:
    camera.resolution = (640, 480)
    camera.start_preview()
    sleep(1)
    camera.capture(file_name)
    camera.stop_preview()
    camera.close()
```

Save the program, but don't run it yet.

### C) Build the camera

Now it's time to assemble the hardware. Making sure the Raspberry Pi case, complete the following:

Place the resistor on the breadboard, one leg in slot c15, the other in slot c1.

Using one male-to-female jumper lead, connect the female end to the ground (blue) track, and the male end to the blue (ground) track on the breadboard.

Using a male-to-male jumper lead, place one end in slot a19, and the other end in the ground (blue) track at slot 19. We now have a resistor-protected LED.

Place the LED on the breadboard, putting the longer leg (positive) in slot c1, and the shorter leg (ground) in slot e15.

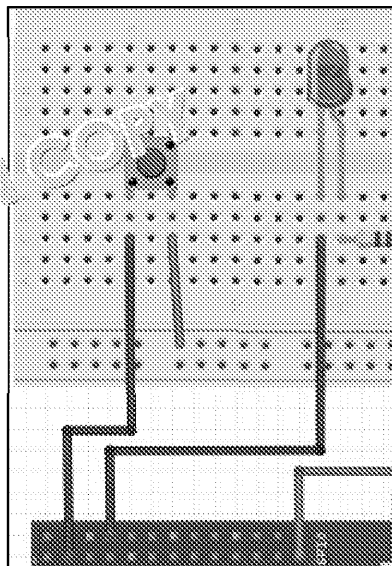
Complete the circuit using one female-to-male jumper lead, the female end in GPIO pin 8, and the male end in slot c1.

Connect one male-to-male jumper lead to slot c7 and to the ground track slot 7.

Place the button with a connecting leg in e5 and another in e7.

Connect the circuit using one female-to-male jumper lead, the male end in slot c5, the female end in GPIO pin 3.

Use a little Blu-Tack on the breadboard to hold any loose items in place. Do not use it on the GPIO pins.



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We can now test the program to make sure it is working correctly. Open the **LXTerminal** window and type:

```
sudo python3 camera.py
```

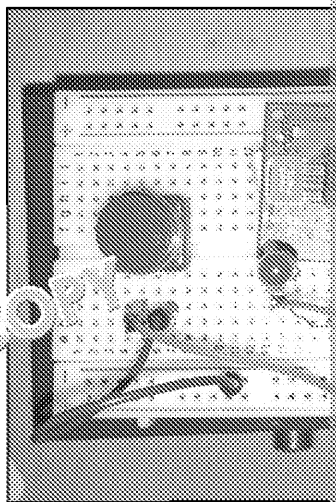
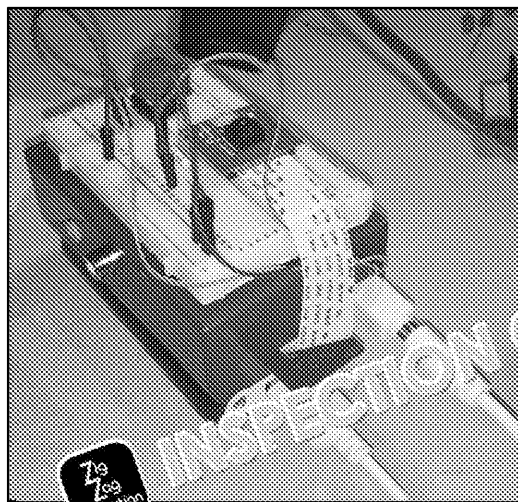
The LED should light. When the button is pressed, the Pi should take a photo. When the photo is taken, the LED should switch off.

If the camera doesn't operate correctly, check the following:

- That all leads are properly connected
- That the connections are in the correct slots
- That the correct pins have been used
- That the camera is inserted the correct way round
- That the Python program is exactly as described

#### D) Making the camera portable

Finally, we need to make our camera portable. Restart the Raspberry Pi using the mobile phone external battery as a power supply. Use Blu-Tack to stick the breadboard and battery to the back of the Pi and use a little Blu-Tack to stick the camera to a suitable position. Make sure that you can easily see the LED and press the button when needed. Set the 'camera.py' program running, and disconnect the monitor and mouse. You now have a working, running, portable Raspberry Pi.



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## STRETCH YOURSELF

- Find out how to change the resolution of the image. HINT – at present record photos at  $640 \times 480$  pixels.
- Change the program so that it records video instead of taking a photo.
- Find out how to reverse an image, and how to change elements seen in the image.
- Using a wireless adapter, combine this project with the 'Remoting' project to make a time-lapse security camera whose images can be viewed from a remote location.  
Note: you will need LEDs or buttons for this.



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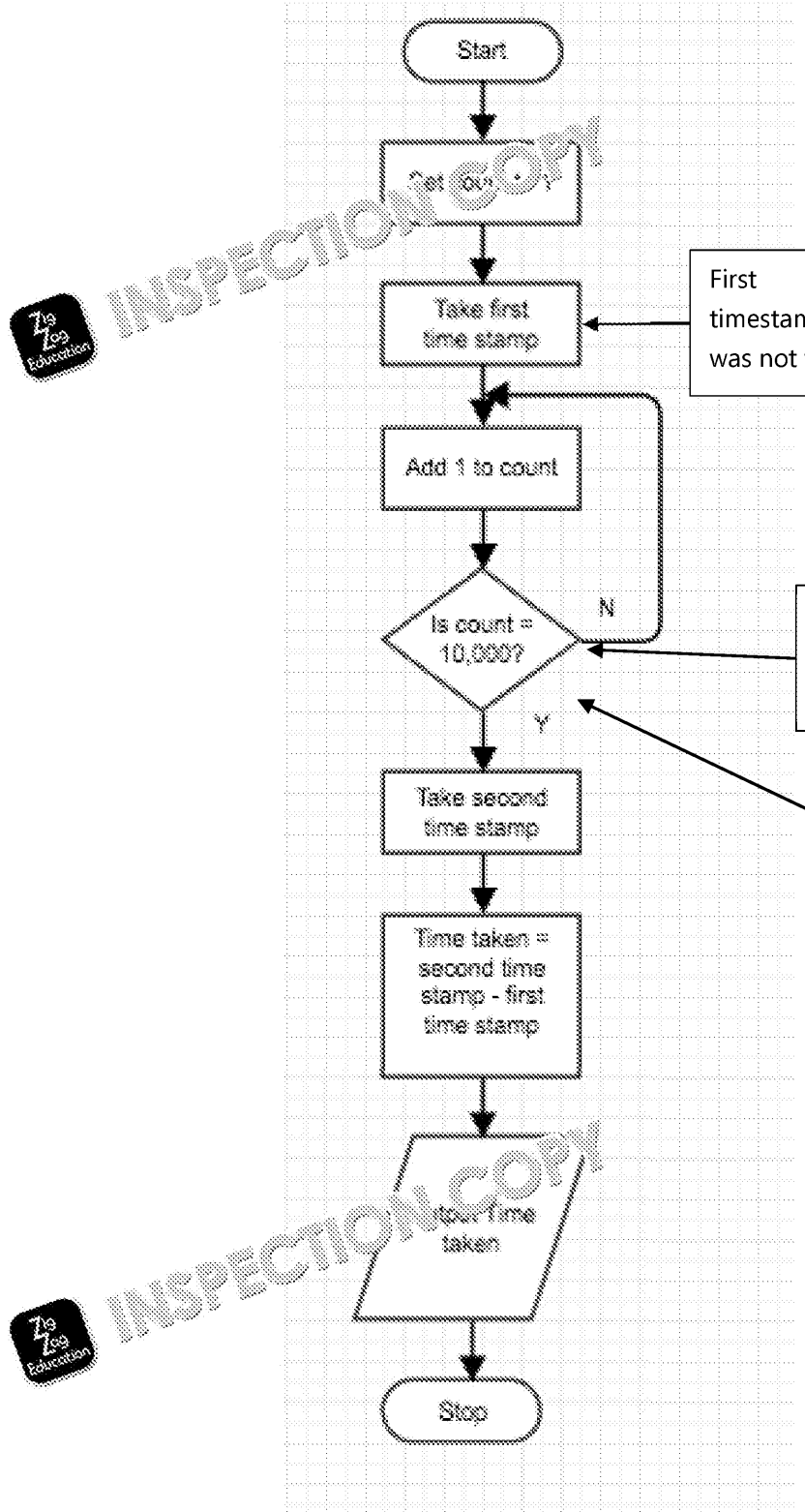


# ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

## Benchmarking the Raspberry Pi

### Task B Challenge

This is the correct flow chart.



### Task D Challenge

This is the calculation for the time taken and how to output it. This needs adding to the code.

```
time_taken = time_stamp_2 - time_stamp_1    #calculates the time taken
print ('Time taken: ' + str(time_taken))    #outputs the time taken
```

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## Interactive Quiz

### Task B Challenge

The full code is shown below (with missing parts underlined)

```
print("Welcome to my quiz")
score = 0
print("Question 1")
print("A. option 1\n"
      "B. option 2\n"
      "C. option 3\n")
answer1 = input("answer: ")
if answer1 == "A":
    print("Correct!")
    score = score + 1
else:
    print("Incorrect!")
```

### Input/Output Basics

#### Task A Challenge (1)

This is the code to turn off an LED.

```
GPIO.output(led1, 0)      #turns LED1 off
```

#### Task C Challenge (2)

This is the loop to make the LED flash.

```
while True: #create loop
    GPIO.output(led1, 1)      #turn on LED1
    sleep(delay) #pause
    GPIO.output(led1, 0)      #turn off LED1
    sleep(delay) #pause
```

## Binary Conversion

### Task A Challenge

- 7 = 0000 0111 binary
- 25 = 0001 1001 binary
- 93 = 0101 1101 binary
- 164 = 1010 0100 binary

### Task B Challenge

This is the code that increments the denary number and resets it back to 0

```
denary += 1      #increment denary number by 1
if denary > 255:  #if denary number is greater than 255
    denary = 1    #reset it to 1
```

### Extension Challenge

This code creates an empty list. Next it converts the binary number into a string and then examines each individual digit. It then takes each individual digit in the binary number and inserts it as an individual element in the list.

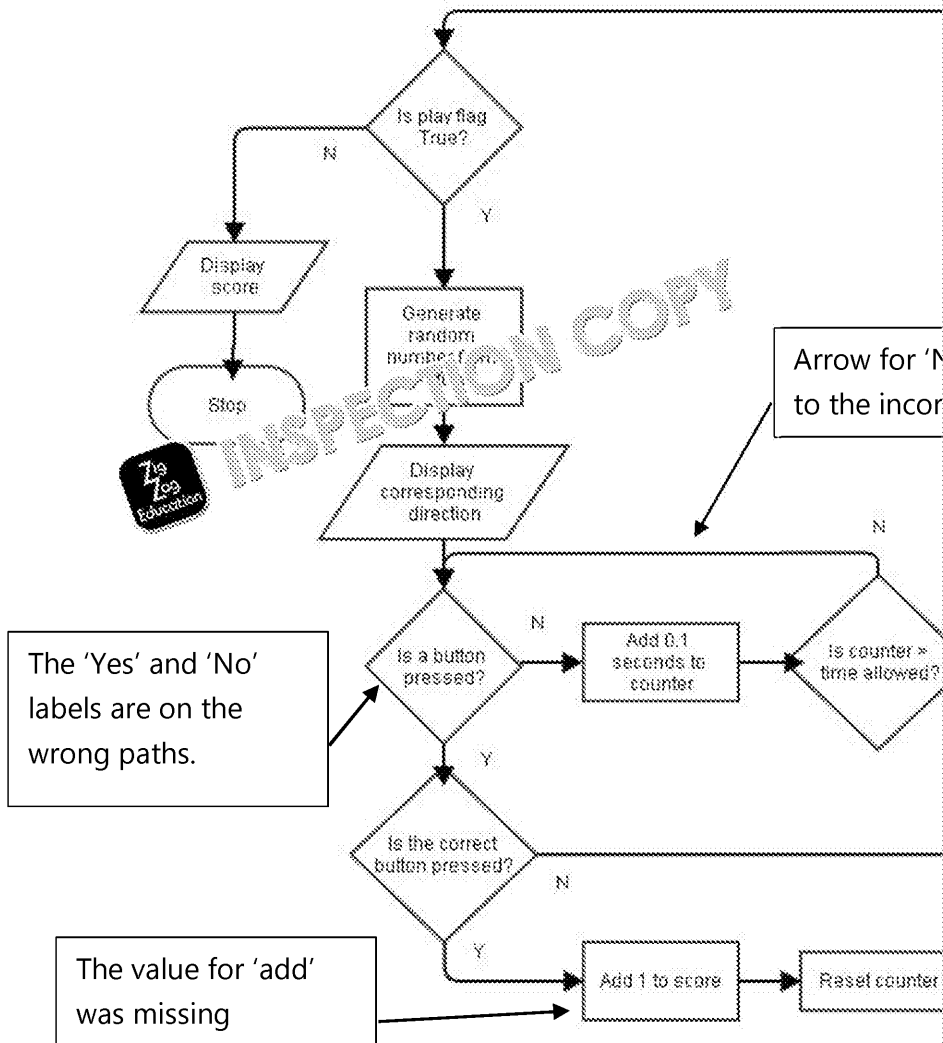
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## Up, Down, Left, Right

### Task A Challenge

This is the correct flow chart.



### Task E Challenge

The full code is shown below (with missing parts underlined>)

```

from Adafruit_CharLCDPlate import Adafruit_CharLCDPlate
from time import sleep
from random import randint
lcd = Adafruit_CharLCDPlate()
lcd.begin(16,1)

#declare and initialise variables
delay=2

count = 0
score = 0

play = True

while play:
    lcd.clear()
    number = randint(1,4)

    if number == 1:
        lcd.message('Left\n')
    elif number == 2:
        lcd.message('Right\n')
    elif number == 3:
  
```

#identify  
#initialise

#how long  
press a button  
#runs down  
#keeps track of  
correct button  
#game complete

#keep playing

#generate random  
to 4  
#if random number  
#display message  
#display message

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```

        lcd.message('Up\n')
    else:
        lcd.message('Down\n')

    while counter < delay:
        if lcd.buttonPressed(lcd.LEFT):
            if number == 1:
                lcd.message('Correct!')
                score +=1
            else:
                play = False
            break

        if lcd.buttonPressed(lcd.RIGHT):
            if number == 2:
                lcd.message('Correct!')
                score +=1
            else:
                play = False
            break

        if lcd.buttonPressed(lcd.UP):
            if number ==3:
                lcd.message('Correct!')
                score +=1
            else:
                play = False
            break

        if lcd.buttonPressed(lcd.DOWN):
            if number == 4:
                lcd.message('Correct!')
                score +=1
            else:
                play = False
            break

        counter +=0.1
        sleep(0.1)
        if counter > delay:
            play = False

    counter = 0
    sleep(delay)

    lcd.clear()
    lcd.message('Oops!\n')
    lcd.message('Score: ' + str(score))

```

```

#display
#otherwise
#display

#as long
#if left
#and rand
#output '
#add 1 to
#otherwise
#play stop
#exit loop

#as above

#run down
#pause to
#if the p
#play stop

#reset co
#pause

#clear LCD
#game over
#output s

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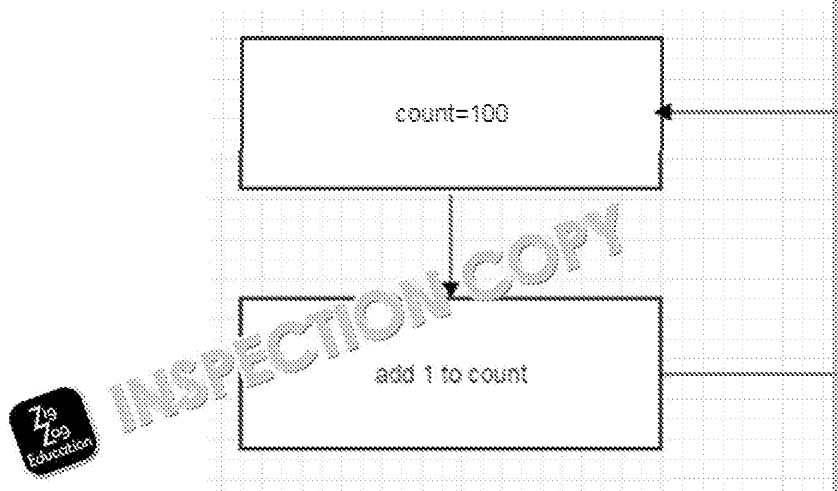
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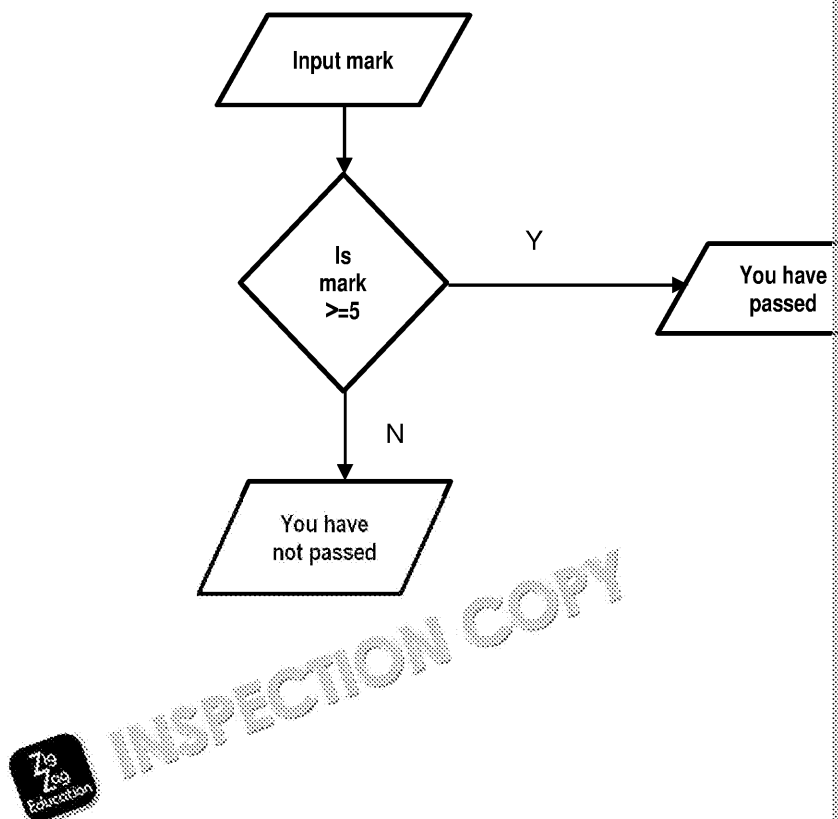
## Countdown

### Task A Challenge

This is showing a variable called **count** that is currently set to 100. 1 is then added to the variable. This is all in a loop.



This shows a selection/decision. A mark is input, then the selection looks to see if the mark is greater than or equal to 5. If it is, the message 'You have passed' is displayed. If not, the message 'You have not passed' is displayed.



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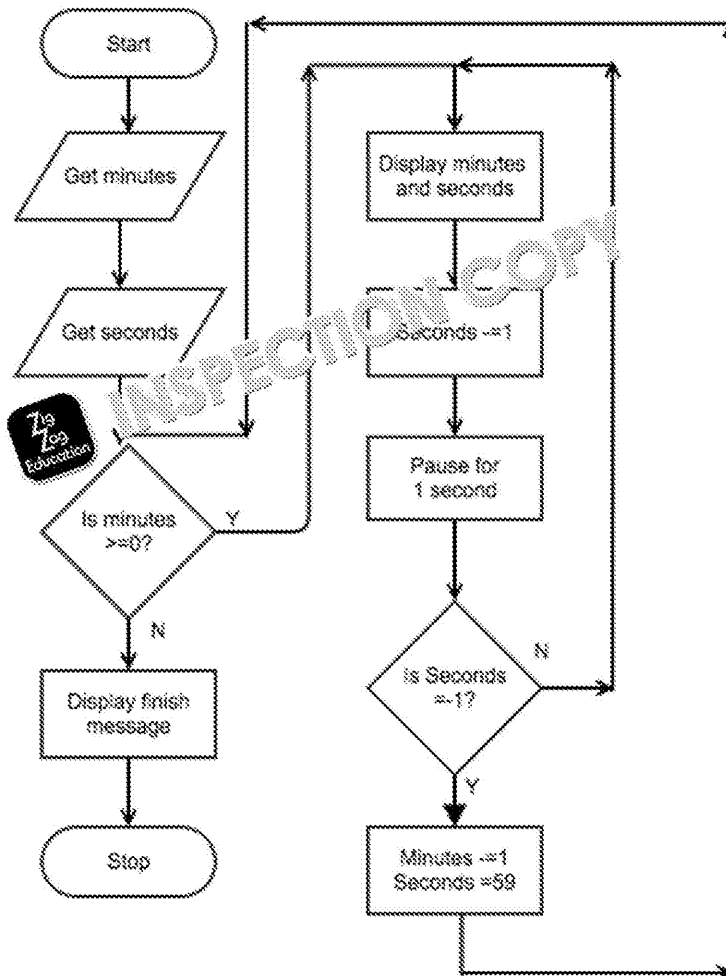
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## Task B Challenge

Simple Flow chart for countdown timer.

Note: does not include validation for inputs.



## Task C Challenge

The full code is shown below (with missing parts underlined>

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#import time function from sleep module
#time will be used to implement the seconds' delay
from time import sleep

#import os module. This will be used to clear the display
import os

#create a function to validate the inputs for minutes and seconds
def validate_number():
    #loop until a valid number is input
    while True:
        try:
            number = int(input(""))
            #if valid number is input, exit the loop
            if number >= 0 and number <= 59:
                break
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        else:
            #if a number outside the valid range is input
            #display a message informing the user of
            print("Enter a number from 0 to 59")

    except:
        #if a letter etc. is input
        #display a message informing the user of
        print("Not a number. Enter a number from 0 to 59")

    #return the input number
    return number

#main

#clear the display
os.system("clear")

#get minutes and seconds for countdown
print("How many minutes? (0 to 59) ")
minutes = get_number()
print("How many seconds? (0 to 59) ")
seconds = get_number()

#check that there is still time to count down
if minutes >=0:
    #create countdown loop
    while True:
        #clear the display
        os.system("clear")
        #display time remaining
        display = "Time remaining: " + str(minutes)+":"+str(seconds)
        print(display)
        #pause for one second
        sleep(1)
        #reduce time remaining by one second
        seconds -=1
        #check to see if seconds remaining is now less than 0
        #if yes, reduce minutes left by 1 and reset seconds to 59
        if seconds < 0:
            minutes -=1
            seconds =59
        #check to see if minutes remaining is now less than 0
        #if yes then exit the loop
        if minutes ==-1:
            break

#display finish message
print("Time's up!")

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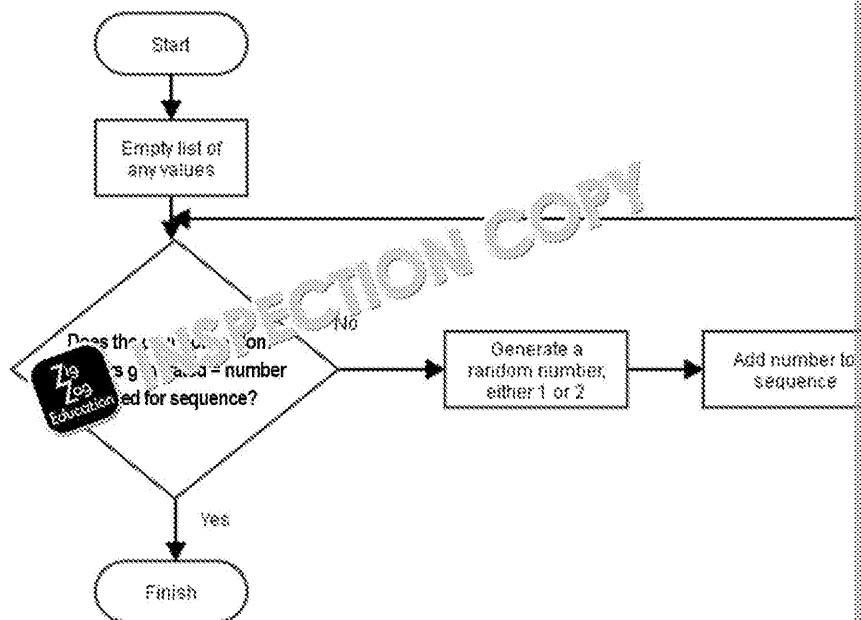


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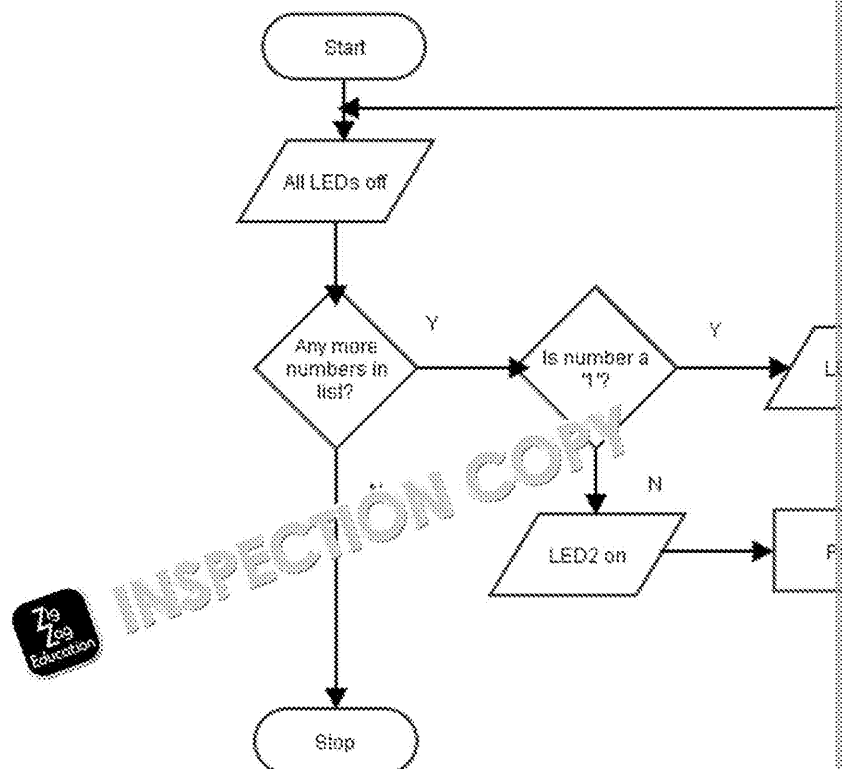
### Task D Challenge (2)

These are the correct flow charts with the correct statements.

The sequence is generated using this algorithm – FLOWCHART 2:



The LED's are lit in sequence using this algorithm – FLOWCHART 3:

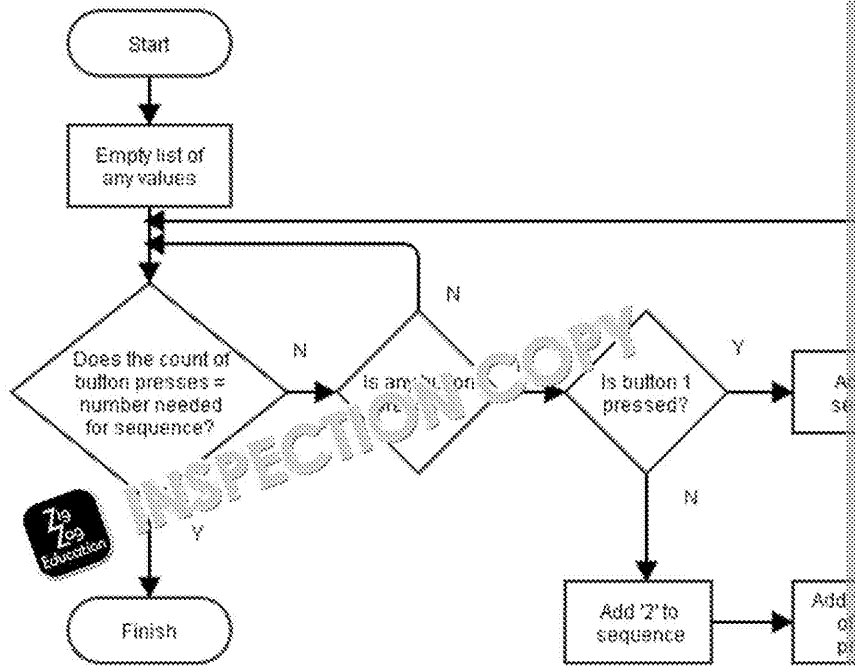


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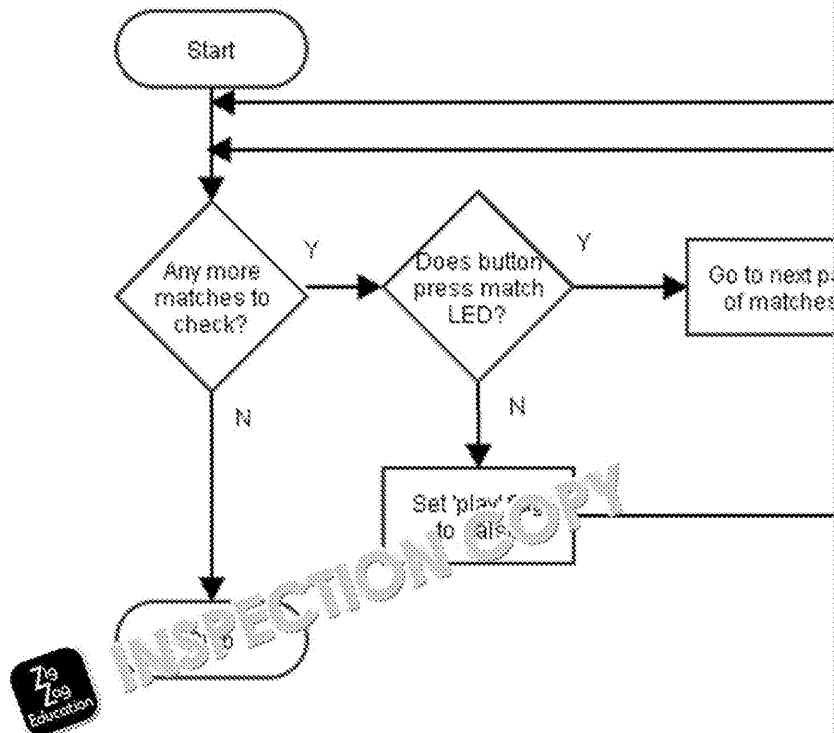
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The player's sequence is recorded using this algorithm – **FLOWCHART 1:**



This algorithm checks whether the player got the sequence right – **FLOWCHART 2:**



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