

## FINAL HOMEWORK MAY 1 2016

You had an assignment to press the left button once, turn the purple LED ON. Press it again, turn the purple LED OFF. And so on.... Each time the left button is pressed, the purple led should “**TOGGLE.**”

The code below was suggested in class but **DOES NOT WORK:**

```
if leftbutton() and (x=1) then
  PurpleLed (1)
  x=0
end if
if leftbutton () and (x=0) then
  PurpleLed (0)
  x = 1
end if
```

The reason this does not work is due to the fact that when the `leftbutton()` command is executed, it returns TRUE if the left button was pressed and returns FALSE if it was NOT pressed. BUT IT ONLY RETURNS TRUE **ONE TIME** AFTER THE BUTTON IS PRESSED. (This is a good thing.)

So, let's say that x happens to equal zero (and the purple led is ON) and the program is running around and around in the infinite loop.

And you **press the button just before the program hits the FIRST IF..THEN block of code:**

```
If LeftButton() and (x=1) then
  PurpleLed(1)
end if
```

When this first IF... statement gets executed, the `LeftButton()` will be equal to TRUE, since it was just pressed. But Since x happens to equal zero at this time, the `PurpleLed(1)` statement will NOT be executed, **which is as it should be.**

**But the problem is that now, the `LeftButton()` command has “shot its one shot” of being TRUE and will now be FALSE when the SECOND IF..THEN block of code gets executed:**

```
If LeftButton() and (x=0) then
  PurpleLed(0)
end if
```

So, although x is equal to zero and we are hoping that the LeftButton() being pressed will be TRUE, which will allow PurpleLed(0) to execute and turn OFF the purple led, **THIS WON'T HAPPEN** because unfortunately, now, LeftButton() will be FALSE (since it "shot its one shot" of being TRUE in the FIRST IF..THEN block of code.)

SO THE CODE ABOVE WILL NOT WORK RELIABLY.

The way to do it is to use only ONE test that uses LeftButton() like so:

**THIS WORKS:**

```
if leftbutton() then
  if x=1 then
    purpleled(1)
    x=0
  else
    PurpleLed(0)
    x=1
  end if
end if
```

Or, you can do it this way, which uses 1 less line of code:

```
if leftbutton() then
  if x=1 then
    x=0
  else
    x=1
  end if
  PurpleLed (x)
end if
```

But the SUPREME WAY to toggle the purple LED would be to DIMENSION x as an INTEGER, and change your PurpleLed subroutine a bit. In the Infinite Loop, the code would be:

```

if leftbutton() then
    x = x * -1    'here we are using an INTEEGER TYPE Variable
    PurpleLed(x) 'here the PurpleLed subroutine was changed slightly - see it
end if

```

Above, every time the LeftButton is pressed, x will become x multiplied by minus one -- so x will change between plus one, then minus one, then plus one, then minus one .... and so on...

Below shows most of the code for this toggle:

```

dim x as integer
' [Dimension all variables used in this area]

sub procedure PurpleLed (dim challenge as integer)
    'challenge can be +1 to turn on, anything else to turn off
    if challenge=1 then
        rgbled (1,0,1)
    else
        rgbled (0,0,0)
    end if
end sub

' This program [brief description here]
'-----
'
'-----M A I N -----
'
'-----

' Main program - This group of lines is part of the SCIO "SKELETON":
main: org (4096) 'They set up the Software Environment.
    orgall (4096)
    setup ()

    'USER PROGRAMMING AREA starts below this line:

' [Initialize variables in this area]
    x=1

InfLoop:

' [Put the main code inside this "infinite loop" area]
    if leftbutton() then
        x = x * -1    'here we are using an INTEEGER TYPE Variable
        PurpleLed(x) 'here the PurpleLed subroutine was changed slightly - see it
    end if

    goto InfLoop 'This statement causes the program to go back to the
                  'LABEL called "InfLoop".

```

## HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT:

Be able to show a reliable way of pressing the **right button** once to turn on a **YELLOW RGB LED**. Then press it again to turn the YELLOW LED OFF, and so on. Here, your program uses the RIGHT BUTTON to **TOGGLE** the state of the YELLOW LED.

## TO THINK ABOUT, and get EXTRA HOMEWORK CREDIT:

When your hand moves over a light sensor, the light sensor value falls below 90, as we have seen in class. So you might think it is easy to write a program that will TOGGLE THE STATE OF THE YELLOW LED like requested above, but do it when you WAVE YOUR HAND OVER THE LIGHT SENSOR.

But this is not as easy as you might think. What would happen if you tried to do this as shown below ?:

```
If LightSensor(1) < 90 then
  if x=1 then
    YellowLed(1)
    x = 0
  else
    YellowLed(0)
    x = 1
  end if
end if
```

The problem here is that the Infinite Loop gets executed hundreds of thousands of times every second. So if your hand STAYED OVER THE LIGHT SENSOR LONGER THAN A FEW MICROSECONDS (a microsecond is a millionth of a second), the LightSensor(1) would STILL BE under 90 the next time around, and the light would probably turn ON and OFF thousands of times very quickly before the shadow of your hand moved off of the light sensor. The state of the Yellow LED would be left INDETERMINATE -- it might be ON, or it might be OFF when your hand gets out of the way!

So how would you fix this problem? Again, you will need to think out of the box a bit. But with JUST ONE MORE STATEMENT you can fix this and make it work, for EXTRA CREDIT.