

# An IoTa of IoT: Micro:bit Magic & Photon Phun!

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## Outline

- Intros: Us, You
  - ✦ Motor Mayhem or Awesome Audio
- Background, Motivations, Considerations, & Platforms
  - Quick Overview: IoT Insanity
- micro:bit Magic
  - Photon Phun
- ✦ Setup & Dev. Environment
  - ✦ Blinky & Remote Lights
- ✦ "Hello, World!": First Program
  - ✦ Buttons & Variables
- ✦ Broadcast Basics & Firefly Fun
  - ✦ Apps & Real IoT

## Background



- A network (internet) of sensor-, actuator- and software-equipped devices (things) that share information among themselves as they scheme to take over the world (we may need to work on this last bit) 😊
- Home: Lights, Thermostat, Smoke Alarms, Security Systems, Internet of Things Doorbell 😊



## Motivation

- Provides a unique outlet for **creativity**! Students can make something **new**.
- Fun, maker-like experience with tangible artifacts.
- Accessible multi-tier view of a complex, real-world systems.
- Jobs & industry Needs

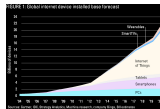
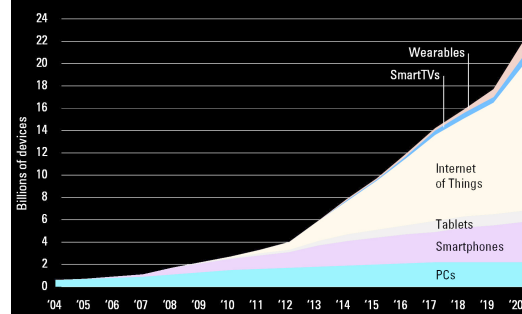


FIGURE 1: Global internet device installed base forecast



Sources: Gartner, IDC, Strategy Analytics, Machina research, company filings, BII estimates

## Considerations

- What are your objectives?
- Who's your audience?
- Theoretical? Applied? A hybrid?
- Depth or breadth?

## Plethora of Platforms



Raspberry Pi

\$16; Wi-Fi; Wiring



ESP8266

\$<16; Wi-Fi; Wiring



Arduino Variants

\$~8-80; Wi-Fi, BLE; Wiring



micro:bit

\$13; BLE

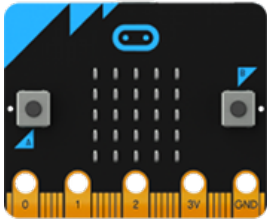


Photon

\$19; Wi-Fi; Wiring

## Intros: the micro:bit

**Small**



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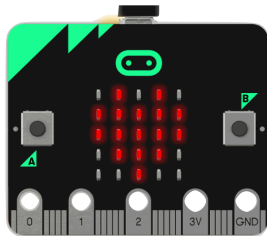
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**LED Grid**



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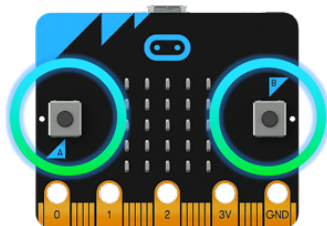
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**Buttons**



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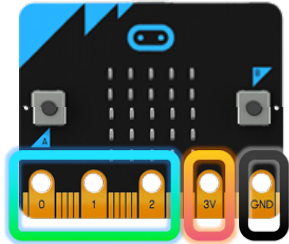
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### Connectors



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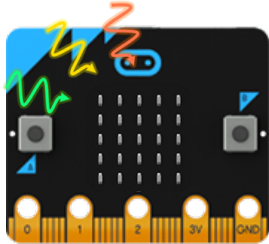
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### Light Sensor



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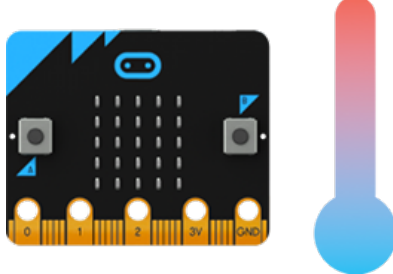
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### Temperature Sensor



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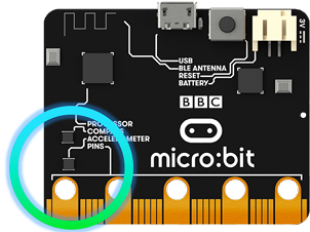
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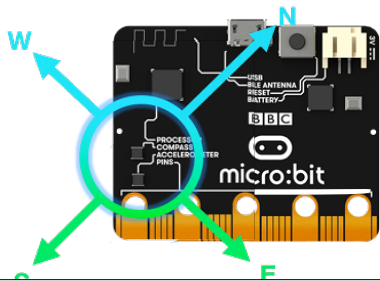
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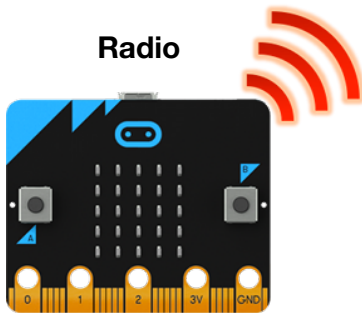
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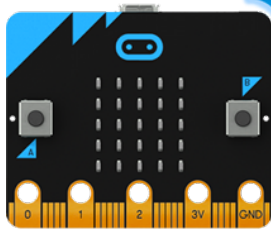
## Compass



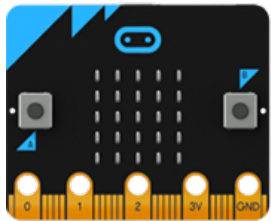
## Radio



**Bluetooth**



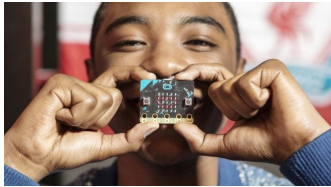
**Low Cost: ~\$13 US**



**Thanks: Micro:bit Educational  
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2015

- BBC Make It Digital
- 29 partners
- 1 million micro:bit devices
- 11-12 year olds
- Across the U.K.



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## Lessons Aligned to Code.org CS Fundamentals

- Lessons extend the concepts taught in the Code.org curriculum by using micro:bit and MakeCode
- Course E – Loop and Functions
- Course F – Variables and Conditionals



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<http://microbit.org/teach/code-org-fundamentals/>



## Sample of Lessons

Lesson	Resources
Answering Machine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 Minute Lesson Plan (pdf) (pptx)</li> <li>• Teacher Notes (pdf) (docx)</li> <li>• Hex File (Tip: Save link for Mac, Save target for PC)</li> </ul>
Guess the Number	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 Minute Lesson Plan (pdf) (pptx)</li> <li>• Teacher Notes (pdf) (docx)</li> <li>• Hex File</li> </ul>
Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 Minute Lesson Plan (pdf) (pptx)</li> <li>• Teacher Notes (pdf) (docx)</li> <li>• Hex File</li> </ul>
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## Third-Party Curricula



Microsoft MakeCode Intro to CS  
<https://aka.ms/intro2cs>

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Making                 | 8. Coordinate Grid System     |
| 2. Algorithms             | 9. Booleans                   |
| 3. Variables              | 10. Music and Arrays          |
| 4. Conditionals           | 11. Bits, Bytes, and Binary   |
| 5. Iteration              | 12. Radio                     |
| 6. Review/Mini-Project    | 13. Arrays                    |
| 7. Coordinate Grid System | 14. Independent Final Project |



PLTW

PLTW Gateway:  
Computer Science for  
Innovators and Makers  
[https://www.pltw.org/our-program/  
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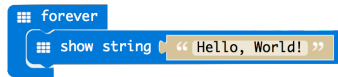
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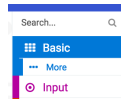
## “Hello, World!”: First Program

- Block-based editor
- Built-in simulator
- Deployment to Micro:bit

Icon Indicates  
Palette



Block Color Indicates Palette

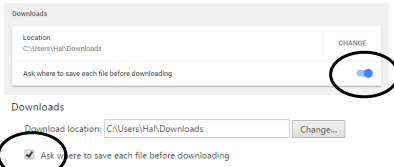


## Setup

- Hardware Handout — *Thanks Microbit Foundation!*
  1. Pull out the micro:bit box / open
  2. Connect via USB cable
- Browser
  1. Open [microbit.org](https://microbit.org)
  2. Select “Let’s Code”
  3. Click “Let’s Code” button

## Chrome Setup

- chrome://settings/downloads - OR - Show advanced settings...

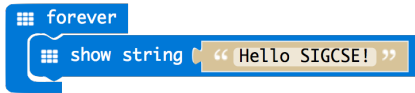


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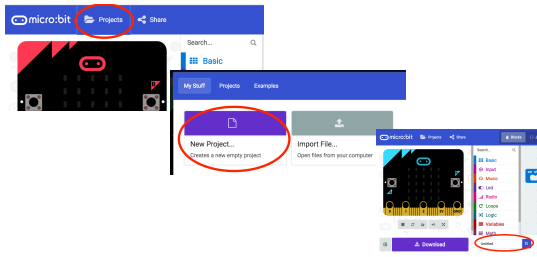


## Personalization!

- Hello Bill / Hello Michael / Hello ....



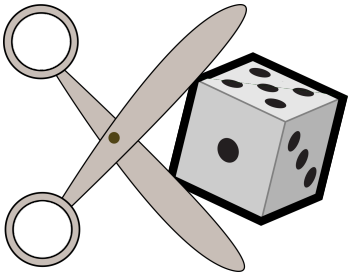
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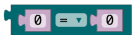
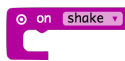
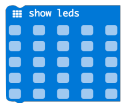
## Programming: Logic & Action

- Picking between *three* tough choices
- Cookie, Cake, Pie
- Super Strength, Invisibility, Telekinesis
- ...

## Obvious Solution...



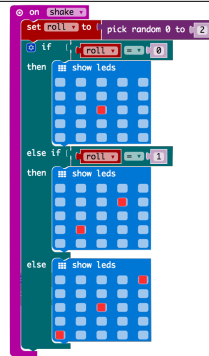
## Parts



1. Color indicates Palette
2. Incremental Development:  
Try parts in Simulator

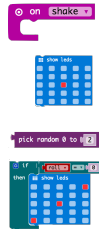
## Solution

Pro Tip: Blocks with a button have additional features (else-if)



## Concepts

- Event driven programming
- Bitmapped Graphics
- Ranges & Representations
- Logic

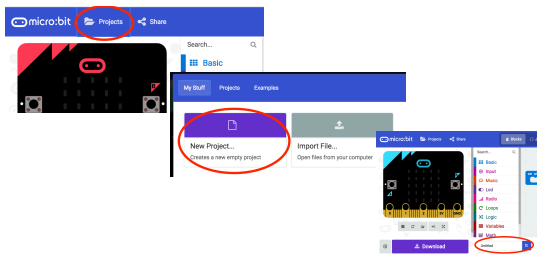


## Pedagogy

- Active Learning
- Discovery Based
- Constructionist



## New Project: Projects > New Project...



## Broadcast Basics

- Radio Palette: Broadcast Based Radio Transmissions
- String, Number, Key/Value Pairs, ...

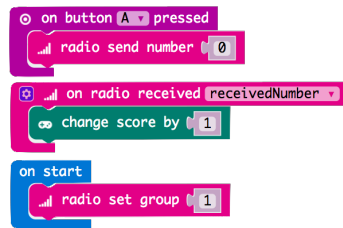
## Receiver



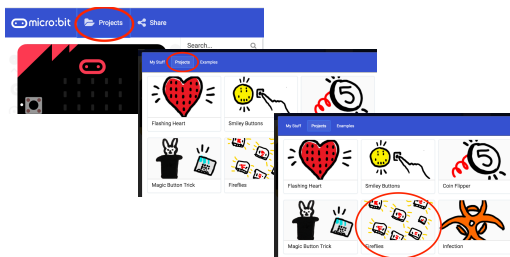
"Game" blocks in "Advanced"  
Section of Palette

▼ Advanced

## Full Broadcaster

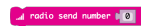


## & Firefly Fun

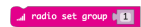


## Concepts

• Broadcasting



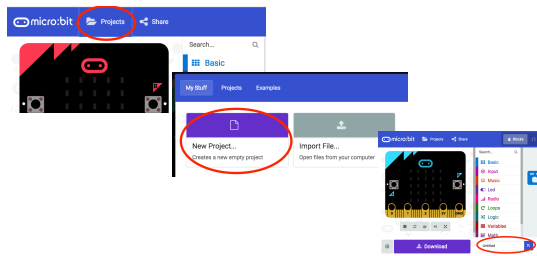
• Network Addresses



• Asynchronous clocks / Sync problems



## New Project: Projects > New Project...



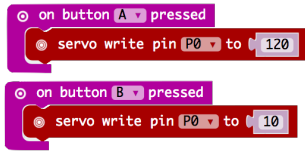
## Goody Bag: Hardware

## Motor Mayhem

An Intro to Servos

## Motor Mayhem

An Intro to Servos



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## Inchworm Insanity

<https://makecode.microbit.org/projects/inchworm>

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## Awesome (?) Audio

Time Permitting

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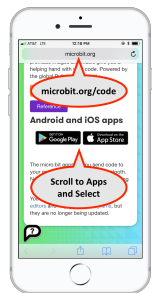
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## Concepts


- I/O
- Basic Electric Circuits/Electronics

## Break & App Install Android & iOS



Android  
(optional)  
Search for &  
Install  
Bitty  
Controller  
(\$1.99)

## Bluetooth Background

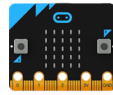
- Uses different protocol than  Radio
- Not a group broadcast

## Bluetooth Background

Central



Peripheral



## Bluetooth Background

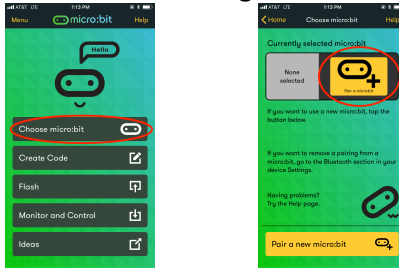
Central



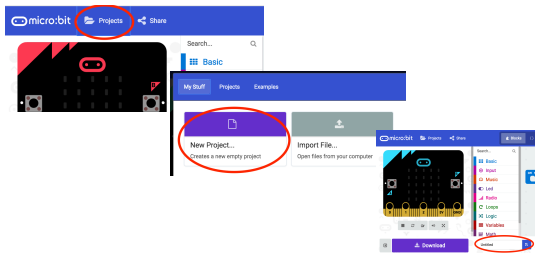
## Bluetooth Background

- Bluetooth has various levels of security
  - “Pairing” — Forming a “permanent” bond  
(Exchanging security info. once and storing it)
- Block editor supports three types
  - No pairing (“insecure” - we'll use this)
  - Just Works (default; pretty safe)
  - Passkey Pairing (more secure)

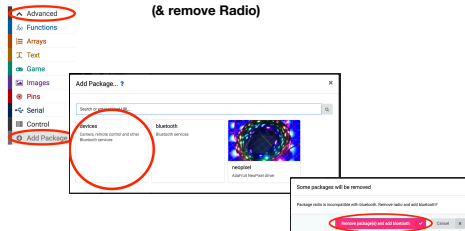
## Pairing



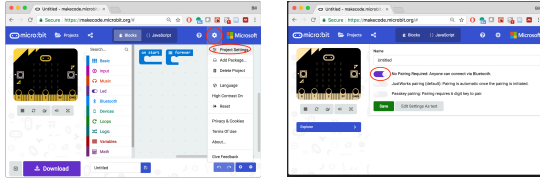
## New Project: Projects > New Project...



## Add Devices (& remove Radio)

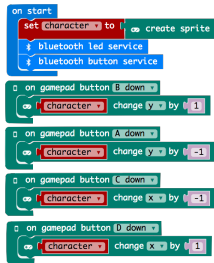


## Project Settings



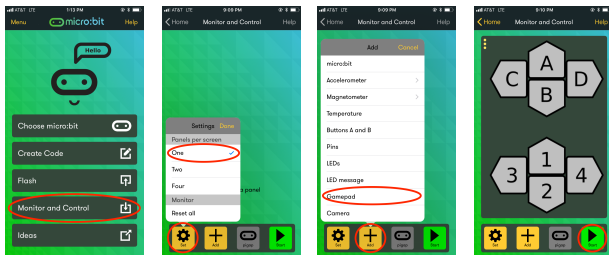
## Program

Devices Palette



Game Palette  
(Under Advanced)

## App Configuration





## IoT Example

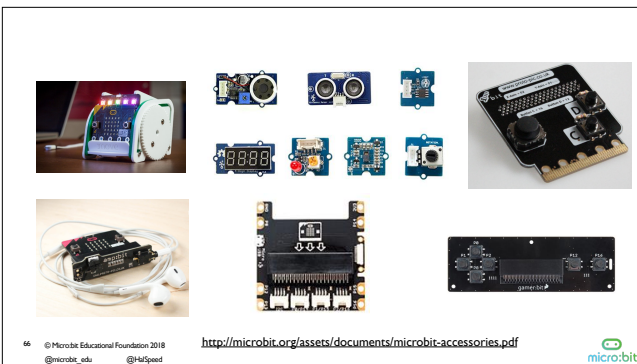
## AdaFruit.io



## Misc.

- C (C++) / Arduino
- Phone acts as border router
- AdaFruit.io can tie into other services
  - Texts/Notifications (IFTTT), Webhooks, etc.

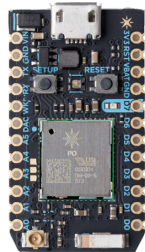
## Additional Hardware



**Break!**

## Photon Phun!

- Microcontroller
  - 120MHz ARM Cortex M3
  - 128kB RAM
  - 1MB Flash
  - Real-Time OS
  - 802.11 b/g/n
- Particle's API & Cloud Services



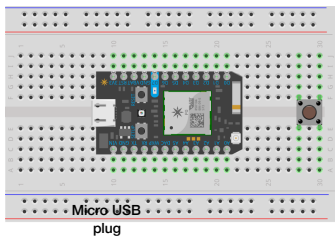
## Project Overview

- Blink an LED
  - On-board
  - Circuits: An external LED
- Cloud-Controlled Blink
  - Console Control
- Button & Status

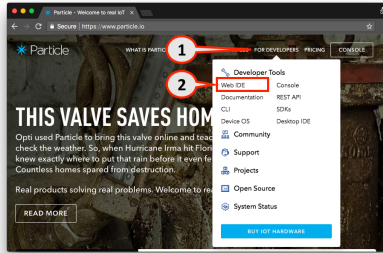
<http://particle.io/build>

- Login
  - Username: `ccscdp@siever.info`
  - Password: `ccscdp2018`

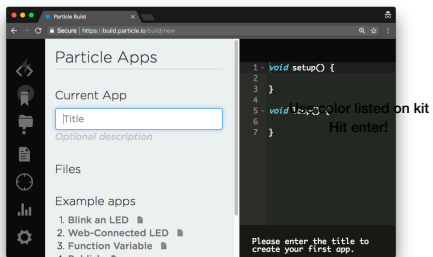
## Breadboard, Photon, & USB Power



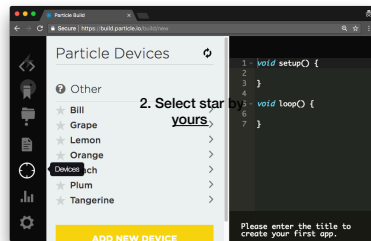
## Web IDE



## App Name



## Select Your Device



1. Devices

## Code

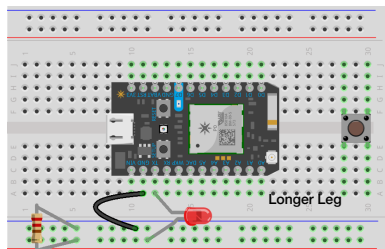
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1 void setup() {  
2   pinMode(D7, OUTPUT);  
3 }  
4  
5 void loop() {  
6   digitalWrite(D7, HIGH);  
7   delay(500);  
8   digitalWrite(D7, LOW);  
9   delay(500);  
10 }
```

## Program / Deploy

Hit "Flash" to  
compile/deploy

```
1 void setup() {  
2   pinMode(D7, OUTPUT);  
3 }  
4  
5 void loop() {  
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7   delay(500);  
8   digitalWrite(D7, LOW);  
9   delay(500);  
10 }
```

## Wire External LED



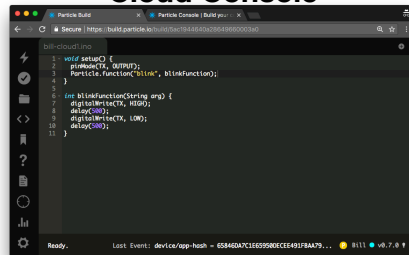
## Update Code & Flash

```
bill-blinky2.ino
1 void setup() {
2   pinMode(TX, OUTPUT);
3 }
4
5 void loop() {
6   digitalWrite(TX, HIGH);
7   delay(500);
8   digitalWrite(TX, LOW);
9   delay(500);
10 }
```

## Cloud Control

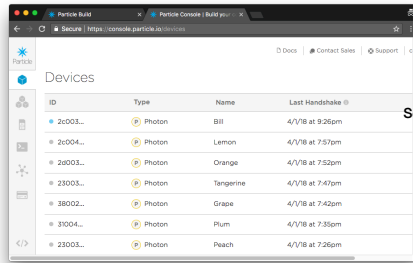
```
1 void setup() {
2   pinMode(TX, OUTPUT);
3   Particle.function("blink", blinkFunction);
4 }
5
6 int blinkFunction(String arg) {
7   digitalWrite(TX, HIGH);
8   delay(500);
9   digitalWrite(TX, LOW);
10  delay(500);
11  return 0;
12 }
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## Cloud Console



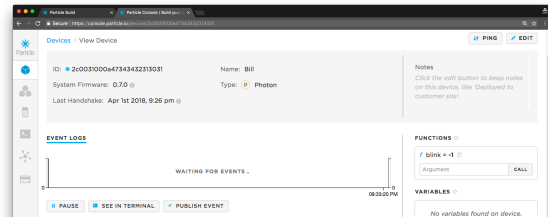
Open Console

## Select Device



Select your device

## Call Function



## Call Function

Click the edit button to keep notes on this device, like 'Deployed to

09:33:20 PM

### FUNCTIONS

blink = -1

Argument

CALL

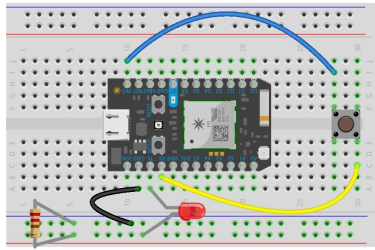
### VARIABLES

No variables found on device.

Hit "Call" to call it



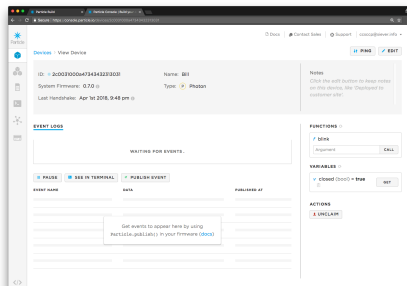
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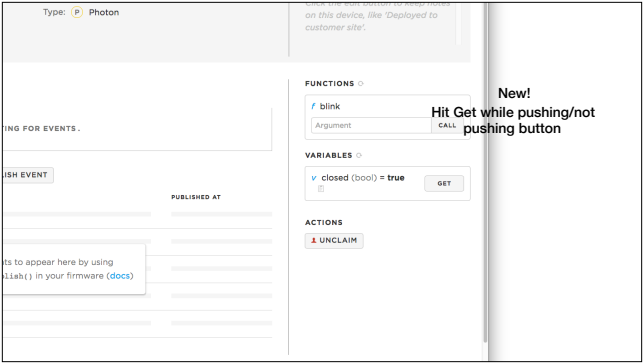


## Add a Cloud Variable

```
1 bool closed;  
2  
3 void setup() {  
4   pinMode(TX, OUTPUT);  
5   Particle.function("blink", blinkFunction);  
6  
7   pinMode(RX, INPUT_PULLDOWN);  
8   Particle.variable("closed", closed);  
9 }  
10  
11 void loop() {  
12   closed = digitalRead(RX);  
13 }  
14  
15 int blinkFunction(String arg) {  
16   digitalWrite(TX, HIGH);  
17   delay(500);
```

## Reload Console





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An “App” for that: A quick tour

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A “real” IoT application

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## Questions / Discussion

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## Apps for Data Logging: bittydatalogger

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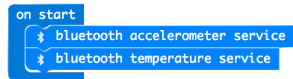
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## Program



## Concepts

- Data Formats (CSV vs. JSON)
- Data Analysis

## Remove Add Bluetooth (& remove Radio)

