Activity: Fan Function



Description:

Modify the temperature fan controller program by converting it to a function.

Vocabulary and Concepts:

Variable: An element, feature, or factor that is liable to change; in a programming language, a symbolic representation of some state or property of the program.

Sensor: An input device that reads or measures a physical property and converts it to a numerical value.

Temperature Sensor: a sensor that measures the temperature in degrees Celsius (scientific units)

Function: A named piece of code that can be called repeatedly, sometimes called procedures or methods: a segment of code that includes the steps performed in a specified process.

Flowchart:

A flowchart is a way of representing the step-by-step process (algorithm) of you program. For this program, the flowchart is

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There is always a circle informing you where the algorithm starts. The arrows walk you through to the next steps. The program should take an input pressed button. Next, output the temperature. Finally, the program should end. Since, the program contains a function, the rectangle with the lines within it represents a function.

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Build the Circuit:

Materials Required:

- Edge I/O Adapter for micro:bit
- Micro:bit battery pack (2xAA or 2xAAA)
- Two Crocodile clip wires
- Eight jumper wires
- 5V high/low level trigger relay
- One Crocodile clips
- DC Motor
- Fan
- Two LEds (red and green)
- Two resistors

Hardware Hookup:

Contact from Relay	Connection to Edge I/O adapter	Jumper Wire
VCC	3V	Any color wire (ex: red)
IN	P8	Any color wire (ex: yellow)
GND	GND (blue negative line)	Any color Wire (ex: black)

Contact from Relay	Connection to fan	Jumper Wire
СОМ	Black crocodile clip	Any color wire (ex: black)
Black wire from COM on relay	Black wire on fan	Black crocodile clip
NO	White Crocodile clip wire	Any color wire (ex: blue)
Blue wire from NO on relay	GND (on breadboard) (blue negative line)	White crocodile clip
Not on relay (on breadboard) (red positive line)	Red wire on fan	Red crocodile clip

Contact from	Connection to Breadboard	Connector	
Edge I/O adapter			
P0	Check instruction 1 (ex: a17)	pin wire	
P1	Check instruction 2 (ex: a16) pin wire		
GND (ground)	GND (blue negative column)	pin wire	
	Check instruction 3 (ex: 17e & 18e)	Red LED	
	Check instruction 4 (ex:	Resistor	
	Charle instruction 2 (arr 45a 840a)		
	Check Instruction 3 (ex: 15e & 16e)	Green LED	
	Check instruction 4(ex:15d & blue negative)	Resistor	

Instructions:

- 1) Can be placed anywhere on breadboard from column a-e and row 1-30 or use example in chart.
- 2) Can be placed anywhere on breadboard except the same row as last pin wire or use example in chart.
- 3) The **longer leg(anode)** of LED must be on the same row as the pin wire and the **shorter leg(cathode)** of LED must be the same row as the resistor or use example in chart.
- 4) Must be on blue negative column and on the same as led or use example in chart.
- 5) Connect battery pack to Edge I/O adapter



Let's Start Programming! Step 1: Getting Started

This program basically is using the same blocks⁹ from the temperature fan controller program and placing it into a function. To do this, press the function tab to create a function and name it "Fan Function". Next, place all recent block code into the function block. Finally, click the function tab again and grab the call fan function block and place it in a on button pressed block.

on button	A 🕶 pres	ised		function Fan Function 🔕
call Fan	Function	1		<pre>set temp_in_C * to temperature (*C)</pre>
				set temp_in_F + to temp_in_C + x + 1.9
				set temp_in_F + to temp_in_F + + 32
				if temp_in_F • 2 • 72 then
				digital write pin P0 - to 1
				digital write pin P1 ▾ to 🐵
				digital write pin PB - to 1
				else 🕞 and a data data data data data data dat
				digital write pin P0 - to 0
				digital write pin P1 - to 1
				digital write pin PB 🔻 to 😑
				show number temp_in_F -

Step 2: Selection Changes

Certain changes can be made within the "on button pressed" block by choosing between A, B, or A+B which means we can determine if we would like to change the temperature when button A is pressed on the microbit, button B, or Both buttons with A+B. The threshold value can also be changed by entering a number in the text box.

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Step 3: Test your Program using the Emulator

- **Step 4: Download the Program**
- Step 5: Connect to your micro:bit
- Step 6: Running the Program on the micro:bit

Congratulations!

You have created your Fan function program!!



References Flowchart tool: <u>https://www.draw.io/</u>